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FROM

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TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT., N.-W. P. AND OUDH.

DATED LUCKNOW, THE 5TH APRIL, 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit the prescribed report on the administration of criminal justice in Oudh, during the calendar year 1879; and to forward the usual tabular statements prepared in this office, together with Commissioners' and Deputy Commissioners' reports in original.

2. Mr. Capper held the office of Judicial Commissioner throughout the year, and was present for all but the period from 1st January to 15th February, 1879, during which I officiated for him; so that this report will be based mainly on the papers mentioned above.

Return No I. Number of tribunals.

3. This return shows that there were 197 courts of all kinds open in the province, as against 175 in the preceding year; and by deducting the 40 purely civil courts, we have 157 criminal (with rent) tribunals, as open on the last day of 1879, *viz*, 1 Judicial Commissioner, 4 Commissioners, 12 Deputy Commissioners, 2 Cantonment Magistrates, 50 Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners, 43 Tahsildars, and 45 Honorary Assistant Commissioners.

Cost and income.

4. Owing to the civil courts having been separated from the 1st August, 1879, it is not possible to show the cost and income of the criminal (and rent) department for the past year in this report; but the returns rendered by Deputy Commissioners and District Judges are shown separately in the provincial return No. I.

Return No. II. Offences reported.

5. There were 73,361 offences reported, as against 119,166 in the preceding year; the decrease of 39 per cent. being due mainly to the improvement in the condition of the people, though the returns for the last quarter were sensibly affected by the epidemic fever which prevailed throughout the province and prostrated for a time nearly half the population; thieves, of course, as well as honest men. These were the general causes, but some special local causes have also been assigned; for instance, in Gonda the avoidance of double entry of certain cases adverted to in previous reports, and in Bahraich the closer supervision of the rural police. This falling off in crime was common to every district; the Lucknow city return, however, shows a marked increase in hurt cases, which, as the Deputy Commissioner explains, was not real, for the return of 1878 omitted all such cases, which the police had not investigated or sent up, while they have been duly returned for 1879. The marginal entry shows in what classes of offences there was an increase or decrease during the year as compared with 1878; the actual figures will be found in the provincial return No. II.

Increase.		
Public nuisances	20	per cent.
„ peace	17	„
Against the person, false evidence, &c, ...	12	„
Criminal Procedure Code, Local and Special Laws	2	„
Decrease.		
Malice	9	„
Public justice	12	„
Coins, Stamps, &c.	35	„
Property without violence ...	52	„
Public servants	53	„
Property with violence ...	55	„

6. Cases struck off and complaints dismissed, numbered 8,629 ; the district results are furnished in the marginal percentages, the majority of such orders being passed in cases of hurt, assault, criminal trespass, ordinary mischief, cattle trespass and petty thefts. I concur with the Deputy Commissioner of Bara Banki that a larger number of cases of petty theft and house trespass might have been brought to trial in a year when the police were not overburdened with work. The large proportion of complaints dismissed, would point to the necessity of punishing frivolous and vexatious complainants (see para. 21).

Groundless cases.

District.	Percentage of— Cases struck off to number reported.	Complaints dismissed to Number preferred.
City	10	8
Lucknow	7	14
Unao	·8	28
Bara Banki	7·10	11
Sitapur	·5	44
Hardoi	03	24
Kheri	2	47
Fyzabad	2	31
Gonda	3	57
Bahraich	3	34
Rae Bareli	2	59
Sultanpur	5	51
Partabgarh	6	24

7. Naturally there were fewer persons brought to trial in the year, the actual number being 45,807 in 24,593 cases, or 31 per cent. of persons and 37 per cent. of cases less than in 1878. Fyzabad leads with 2,657 cases and Partabgarh returns the fewest (1,307) ; in the Lucknow city, however, the number (3,678) continued very large, although, as is well known, petty cases form the bulk of them.

Brought to trial.

8. The results of prosecutions under the several classes of crime set out in para. 5, will now be noticed.

Results of prosecutions.

Under this head occur principally cases of negligently or malignantly endangering human life, singing obscene songs, and committing other nuisances ; there were only 102 cases concerning 201 persons in the whole province, nearly one-half having occurred in the Lucknow city with 86 per cent of convictions. The provincial percentage stands at 63 per cent., or 11 less than in 1878, and the small proportion of cases successfully prosecuted in the districts of Lucknow (18 per cent.), Hardoi (6 per cent.), and Kheri (18 per cent.), leads to the inference that several prosecutions were unnecessary. The total number is insignificant.

Public nuisances.

9. Although an increase of 20 per cent. has been returned for the whole province, I gather from the district reports that serious cases were quite exceptional ; most of them seem to have been simple affrays over disputes connected with land and irrigation, as explained by the Deputy Commissioners of Gonda and Sultanpur ; the plentiful rains filled the tanks, which were jealously watched, and land was eagerly sought. Fifty-five per cent. of the prosecutions were successful, as against61 per cent. in 1878, and by far the larger number of cases were tried in the Sultanpur, Bara Banki, Hardoi and Gonda districts.

Public peace.

10. The increase under this head appears mainly in cases of simple hurt, enticing married women with criminal intent, and defamation ; while, on the other hand, there was a very satisfactory decrease in heinous crimes affecting the human body, which will first be noticed.

Against the person.

11. Ninety cases of murder of all descriptions were reported as against 153 in the preceding year ; and the results of prosecutions concluded during both years are illustrated by the following figures.

Murders.

		Tried.	Number of persons convicted.
By Robbers ...	1878	41	25
	1879	18	10
By Poison ...	1878	13	10
	1879	1	1
About women ...	1878	26	16
	1879	16	5
Other motives ...	1878	156	81
	1879	102	

12. Of culpable homicides also there were fewer cases; 90 persons were tried under section 304, 57 of whom were convicted; the figures for 1878 being 134 and 59. Only 19 persons were tried under section 304A. for culpable homicide by negligence, against 40 in the preceding year, and 7 out of the 19 were convicted.

Culpable Homicides.

13. These cases also were fewer; 325 persons, or 77 less than in 1878, were prosecuted and 228 punished. From the monthly lists of criminal cases rendered by Deputy Commissioners, it appeared that the bulk of these cases comprised those of persons jumping down wells, and an order was issued by Mr. Capper requiring the depth of water in the well to be invariably ascertained and recorded at the trial; as in some instances it had been found that there was not sufficient water to drown a person, so that suicide may not have been contemplated.

Attempted suicide.

14. Coming now to minor offences affecting the human body, I find a very large increase in cases of simple hurt, but in a lesser degree of assaults, as the following figures show:—

Hurt and assault.

		Number of persons tried.	*Number convicted.*
Hurt ...	1878	6,364	1,815
	1879	7,528	1,993
Assault ...	1878	2,123	521
	1879	2,438	515

15 In para. 5 of the review for 1878, you conveyed His Honor's observation that when the civil judicial scheme was in working order, the magistracy of the province would have more leisure to sift these complaints prior to the issue of summons. The civil scheme was introduced on 1st August, 1879, so that the improvement, if any, effected in this important work cannot yet be tested by the statistics of a whole year. But two of the Deputy Commissioners have noticed this subject somewhat fully, and I therefore invite attention to their remarks.

16. As Commissioner of the Lucknow Division, I noticed, in the Lucknow report, the low percentage of convictions in such cases, and called on the Deputy Commissioner to explain the causes. Major Currie's explanation will be found with his report, but it will be convenient to embody his remarks here.

"The examination of files convinces me that the instructions regarding the careful examination of the complainant in cases instituted by petition prior to the issue of a summons or warrant for the defendant, have, as a rule, been fairly complied with by the magistrates of this district; a complainant when he institutes his petition, as a rule has his facts clearly at his fingers' ends, is armed against cross examination, and it is only when defendant appears and gives his own version of his story that his innocence is established or the prosecutor is pacified by the defendant and lets the case go against him by default or puts in a razinama." He also reports that, on examination of files, he found that in a large number of cases the acquittals were due to compromises or cases dismissed in the absence of the parties or of the complainant. As to compromises, the Deputy Commissioner of Kheri writes that there should be a separate column in the return to show the number of these cases, but in this I do not agree, as the information is not required for every offence entered in the return, and the particulars in regard to such cases only can easily be gathered and embodied in Deputy Commissioners' reports, as Mr. Gibson has done. "The results of trials" he writes "do not prove that the measure of making section 323, Penal Code, cognizable by police is an unmixed benefit. The large number of compromises, and the larger the better, do not, however, show that police interference was uncalled for; rather the contrary, considering that such a large proportion of these cases is compromised, and that it is better they should end amicably. This class of crime, in respect of police working and proportion of con-

victions, should be considered by itself. The following table shows the extent to which the district statistics are prejudically affected by these trivial cases :—

		TRIED.		COMPROMISED.
Sections.	*Cases.*	*Persons.*	*Cases.*	*Persons.*
323	300	511	192	287
352	57	143	32	97

They exceed 25 per cent. of the total number of cases and persons brought to trial in the district." On these remarks the Commissioner observes "I do not suppose that any one would judge police working by such very false data as the proportion of convictions to acquittals. At any rate, no one is called on to do so in a judicial report. I think it is of great importance that the police should have power to investigate cases of severe and cruel hurt which do not come under the definition of grievous hurt, that the perpetrators of such crimes may be brought to justice, while I think it is a matter of no importance how the naqshas look. I concur with the Deputy Commissioner that razinamas are to be encouraged."

17. I have noticed the subject at some length, so that it may attract prominent attention when the printed report and review for 1879 are in the hands of Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, and elicit more research and information as to compromises and other causes of low percentages of convictions in future reports. I regard the large and increasing number of these cases as a serious evil ; frequently the complainants simply make the courts the vehicle for gratifying private grudges ; if the courts were empowered to bind over the complainants to prosecute, very many of the complaints would not be preferred.

Kidnapping.

18. The falling off in this crime is very satisfactory, whatever may be the particular feature of the kidnapping. There were 164 cases reported, or 53 less than in 1878, but prosecutions were not so successful as in 1878, for only 99 out of 212 accused persons were convicted, or 47 per cent. as against 55 per cent. in the preceding year. In all cases I believe the object was to sell the girls in view to their being married.

Enticing married women with criminal intent.

19. 644 persons, or 26 per cent. more than in 1878, were brought to trial for this offence, and of the 630 whose trials were concluded, 137 or 22 per cent. (being more than in the preceding year) were convicted.

The Deputy Commissioner of Lucknow examined the files of the district cases for 1879, and has furnished particulars of the results in the letter annexed to his report, remarking that apart from the two causes which combine to swell 'acquittals,' *viz.*, 'compromises and dismissals in default,' in about eight it was found that the woman was not the lawful wife of the complainant, and this fact was only proved after the case had been gone into and complainant and his witnesses cross-examined. "As a rule, cases under section 498 are brought by the very lowest castes whose object in most cases is not so much the punishment of the offenders, or a vindication of their outraged honor, as the recovery of their lost women, or their return to caste. When, therefore, after instituting a complaint, the complainant succeeds in recovering his wife, or is again received by the brotherhood, he either puts in a razinama or fails to appear."

Prosecutions for this crime were also comparatively numerous in the Bara Banki and Hardoi districts, but these Deputy Commissioners offer no remarks.

False evidence, &c.

20. The cases under this head are mainly those of simple perjury under section 193, and making false claims in courts, and the increase occurred in every district but Rae Bareli and those of the Sitapur Division. Bahraich takes the lead with 93 persons (against 42 in 1878) as tried out of a provincial total of 293, and with 62 per cent. convicted ; the provincial percentage being 46, as in the last year. Prosecutions were singularly unsuccessful in Kheri (11 per cent.) and Fyzabad (14 per cent.) but the cases were not numerous.

21. I subjoin the number of persons punished during the past two years under the principal heads of cases coming within the preventive jurisdiction of Magistrates.

Procedure Code cases.

	1878.	1879.
Keeping the peace, Chapter XXXVII.	945	1,149
Good behaviour, Chapter XXXVIII.	442	362
Agrarian and riparian disputes, Chapter XL.	30	20
Maintenance of wives and children, Chapter XLI.	121	139

Action under Chapter XXXVII. was most vigorous in the Lucknow, Hardoi, Rae Bareli and Sultanpur districts; in Fyzabad also there was a marked increase over 1878, with reference to which the Deputy Commissioner explains that "in this agricultural community there was more to quarrel about and more heart for a quarrel than in the previous year of scarcity, and this led to the considerable increase in proceedings to take security for the peace."

Security for good behaviour was taken most largely in the districts of the Fyzabad Division and in those of Hardoi and Bara Banki. The system enjoined in para. 9 of last year's review, of making local enquiries as far as possible in such cases, is now being observed, and Deputy Commissioners have been rendering monthly reports of the cases investigated during the camping season. In the Bara Banki district I was informed, and I believe with truth, that many bad characters, knowing what was in store for them, kept out of the way till the Magistrate had come and gone. This question will no doubt be fully dealt with in the Police Administration Report, but I may observe that I fully concur in the view expressed by Government in reviewing last year's report, that though there may be individual acts of oppression, there is no reason to suppose that these provisions of the criminal law are exercised otherwise than for the public benefit.

Lucknow and Gonda return about fifty per cent. of the persons proceeded against under Chapter XL., while none are reported from Kheri, Unao and Bahraich.

Orders for the maintenance of wives and children continued to be most numerous in the Lucknow city, Unao and Fyzabad districts.

The paucity of orders passed under section 209 of the Procedure Code is very remarkable. From para. 6 of this report it will be seen in what proportion complaints were dismissed to those preferred by petition or on chalán; and provincial return No. II. shows that 5,839 complaints were dismissed in the whole province, but that only three complainants in Fyzabad and two in Unao were ordered to pay compensation under this section.

22. For breaches of local and special laws, a slight increase of two per cent. in offences reported has been returned, but fewer cases and persons were brought to trial, and the successful prosecutions (78 per cent.) were three per cent. less than in 1878. The actuals for each district will be found in provincial return No. II. I subjoin the following details for the past two years of some of the Acts for breaches of which prosecutions are more frequent:—

Local and special laws.

		Number of persons tried.	*Convicted.*
Cattle trespass	1878	1,507	409
	1879	1,449	375
Excise on spirits, &c.	1878	473	378
	1879	381	292
Municipal	1878	7,930	7,016
	1879	6,326	5,472
Opium	1878	582	454
	1879	618	495
Salt	1878	1,531	1,479
	1879	261	247
Stamps	1878	756	548
	1879	1,256	947

Convictions for infringement of the Stamp Act were especially numerous in the districts of Partabgarh, Bara Banki, Sultanpur and Gonda, in which, judging from the

large number convicted, very vigorous steps seem to have been taken to protect the revenue. Partabgarh also takes the lead in the large number punished under the salt and saltpetre laws.

The number of persons brought to trial under Act VIII. of 1875 fell off considerably in every division, but to the greatest extent in that of Rae Bareli, as the following figures show :—

	Lucknow.	*Sitapur.*	*Fyzabad.*	*Rae Bareli.*
1878	159	73	43	1,260
1879	42	35	23	161

The Deputy Commissioner, Rae Bareli, has explained that there is nothing abnormal in the figure for 1879, as compared with 1875 and 1876, which were normal years, and that the great increase in 1878 was due to the prevailing scarcity. The Customs Department were also instructed not to prosecute, unless delinquents were found in possession of salt, as well as brine and implements.

Rae Bareli is conspicuous for numerous prosecutions under the Opium Act. Bara Banki has not returned a single case of breach of municipal bye-laws ; the bulk of these cases appertains to the city of Lucknow. Breaches of excise laws were most numerons in Sultanpur, Gonda, and Bara Banki, while Sitapur does not report a single case. Bahraich returns the largest number of cases under the Cattle Trespass Act.

Malice.

23. Coming now to the offences which decreased : those classified as malicious show a falling off in reported offences of nine per cent. compared with 1878. The decrease was in nine districts ; and of the other three, the fluctuations in Bara Banki (53 per cent.) and Sultanpur (20 per cent.) alone are striking, but the actuals are not large, and the cases comprise principally ordinary mischief and criminal trespass; these latter will, as stated in para. 12 of last year's report, be removed from the class "malice" when the new nomenclature of offences is adopted in return No. II. Prosecutions were successful in 30 per cent. of the cases throughout the province, or one per cent. less than in 1878 ; but the percentages for Kheri (10) and Bara Banki (19) are very low, many more cases should doubtless have been struck off in these districts.

Public justice.

24. Eight districts return a decrease under this class ; while of the four which show an increase in offences reported, Lucknow and Sultanpur show the greatest fluctuation compared with 1878, but the Lucknow actuals are not large, and in the latter district the number of persons brought to trial was less than in the previous year. Prosecutions fell off from 63 per cent. in 1878 to 57 per cent. The new nomenclature of offences will affect this class also, as pointed out in para. 14 of the report for 1878.

Coins, stamps, &c.

25. From the following figures it will be seen that there was a marked decrease in offences against coinage, weights and measures.

		Offences reported.	*Persons tried.*	*Convicted.*
Coinage	1878	131	126	79
	1879	77	81	40
Weights and measures ...	1878	110	81	135
	1879	70	97	56

While cases against the stamp laws were more numerous.

Stamps	1878	19	21	14
	1879	23	31	23

The past year was remarkable for the discovery of a band of men who had been counterfeiting stamps as well as court-fee labels, chiefly of the value of Rs. 100 and Rs. 10, and selling them to litigants not only in Oudh but elsewhere. They were prosecuted at Lucknow principally, the cases having been very assiduously worked out by the Deputy Commissioner, Major Currie ; the ringleaders were convicted and punished by the Sessions Court.

26. Offences against property, both with and without violence, fell off greatly in every district, varying from 75 per cent. in Partabgarh to 13 per cent. in Hardoi, as compared with 1878 in these cases which are classified with violence; and from 73 per cent. in Rae Bareli and Sultanpur to 27 per cent. in Bahraich, in the other class. I subjoin figures exhibiting the fluctuations in some of the more important crimes during the past two years. As in all other offences, prosecutions were less successful than in 1878, the percentage under the head of violent crimes having decreased from 78 to 65, and under the other head from 80 to 68. The main reason is that a large proportion of the offenders against property in 1878 were starving men, unskilled in concealing crime, and often indifferent to detection and its consequences; while the crime of 1879 was normal, and mainly the work of professionals, and the cases were consequently more difficult.

Property

With violence—

		Number of persons disposed of.	Convicted.
Robbery	1878	199	119
	1879	101	54
Dakaiti	1878	93	40
	1879	105	39
House trespass or house breaking in order to steal	1878	8,550	6,783
	1879	2,531	1,690

Without violence—

Theft of cattle	1878	1,807	1,462
	1879	453	328
Theft, ordinary	1878	15,095	12,426
	1879	5,113	3,589
Dishonestly receiving stolen property ...	1878	2,0[illegible]8	1,443
	1879	1,145	774

27. An increase of 42 per cent. was returned under this class for the year 1878; so that the decrease of 53 per cent. in offences reported during 1879, is a satisfactory feature; but the falling off in successful prosecutions from 61 to 54 per cent. rather counterbalances it.

Public servants.

28. After two years of increasing business, the magisterial courts obtained some relief in the past year, during which there were 37 per cent. fewer cases instituted as compared with 1878; the following figures show the number of cases and persons under trial, during the last three years:—

RETURN III. Magisterial trials.

	1877.	1878.	1879.
Cases	29,600	38,639	24,452
Persons	56,495	65,507	45,554

Excluding the Lucknow city, Fyzabad and Hardoi return the largest number of cases, while Partabgarh and Kheri show the lightest files for the year under report.

29. From the subjoined statistics it will be seen that the proportion of persons sent up for trial by the police fell off, while a large increase took place of those who appeared on magisterial writs—

How persons came up for trial.

	1878	1879.
Under arrest by police	47 709	26,146
Magistrate's warrant	1,462	1,759
,, summons	14,285	16,059
Voluntarily	1,481	1,063

The large decrease in cognizable crimes fully accounts for the diminished action by the police in all districts but Gonda, in which arrests by police slightly increased. I think the larger number of persons summoned, coupled with falling off in convictions in 1879, unquestionably points to the necessity of more care being exercised by Magistrates in issuing summonses, in hurt cases principally. Hardoi, Fyzabad and Partabgarh return by far the larger proportion of persons summoned in 1879.

30. In the distribution of persons for trial, 9 per cent. came before Honorary Magistrates, 28 per cent. before Tahsildars, 33 per cent. fell to the share of Native Extra Assistants, while 27 per cent. to that of Assistant Commissioners, and the remainder appeared in Deputy Commis-

Distribution of work.

sioners' courts. Tahsíldars figure for very large proportions of cases in Unao and Bara Banki; but this affords no real criterion of the amount of work done, as the cases are for the most part of a very petty description, and sending them to the sadr for trial, involves a great waste of time, money and working power.

Honorary Magistrates.

31. Honorary Magistrates tried 4,249 persons or 943 in excess of the number during 1878, and I extract the following names as specially deserving the thanks of Government for having decided over a hundred cases each :—

Lucknow City Bench of Honorary Magistrates	...	...	...	832	cases.
Raja Jang Bahadur Khan of Bahraich	...	...	...	176	"
Raja Chitpal Singh of Partabgarh	...	...	...	145	"
Muhammad Ashraf of Hardoi ...	...	...	...	146	"
Munshi Muhammad Abbas of Fyzabad	...	...	...	114	"
Chaudhri Muhammad Azim of Hardoi	...	...	...	111	"

Pending cases.

32. Bara Banki, Rae Bareli, and Partabgarh are the only districts which do not return lighter pending files at the close of 1879, as compared with the preceding year; but the pending cases were of recent dates in both Bara Banki and Partabgarh, and the Deputy Commissioner, Rae Bareli, has explained in his 12th para. the cause of delay in two cases that were pending more than a month. Some remarks have also been offered in the Gonda and Bahraich reports (para. 12) on certain pending cases, but they do not call for special notice here. In the whole province there were 184 cases pending at the close of 1879 as against 273 at the close of 1878, and the date of the oldest case is 5th August, 1879.

Duration of cases.

33. Although the provincial average duration of cases is shown to have risen only from 5·05 to 5·75 days, still I find the averages for 1879, returned by Lucknow, Unao, Hardoi, and all three districts of the Rae Bareli Division, to be much higher than for 1878. The Deputy Commissioner of Lucknow attributes this to the frequent transfers of officers in his district, but speaking generally, the principal cause was probably that changes impending and actual in connection with the introduction of the civil judicial separation scheme led to transfers of cases and officers, and seriously affected durations. The highest averages (about 9 days) are returned by Hardoi and Partabgarh, and the lowest (about 3 days) by Bara Banki.

Convictions obtained.

34. From the subjoined percentages it will be seen that the proportion of successful prosecutions had fallen off in every district but Gonda.

Year.	Lucknow.	Unao.	Bara Banki.	Sitapur.	Hardoi.	Kheri.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Bahraich.	Rae Bareli.	Sultanpur.	Partabgarh.
1878	73	59	63·	62·	56·	75·	66·	57·	63·	76·	75·	67·
1879	62·	59·	53·	55·	38	52	54·	59	57·	62·	52·	61·

The principal cause of this falling off is, as pointed out in para. 26, that in 1878 there was a large number of petty thefts easy of detection, while in 1879 these cases were not numerous; and the increase in the number of offences against the person (as in the year under report), lowers the general percentage of convictions. The success obtained by each class of tribunal in the province is noted in the margin; the larger proportion of convictions obtained by Assistant Commissioners, compared with Native Extra Assistant Commissioners, is difficult to understand; for there is no distinction made in the description of cases made over to them for trial.

Honorary Magistrates ...	59	per cent.
Tahsíldars	51·	"
Extra Assistant Commissioners...	52	"
Assistant Commissioners ...	60	"
Deputy Commissioners ...	75	"

35. There were 2,367 summary trials by 53 officers, against 6,323 by 56 officers in 1878. Every district but Bara Banki returns fewer trials for the past year, and the decrease in the Lucknow district, as compared with 1878, is reported to have been from 2,325 to 877 cases, which is mainly due to the fact that the City Magistrate held a large number of summary trials in 1878; whereas in the past year his court was relieved of much business by the new City Bench of Honorary Magistrates, who have not summary powers: as already stated, petty thefts, too, decreased greatly.

Summary trials.

Out of the total of 2,367 trials, 262 sentences are reported to have been appealable, but only 18 appeals were preferred; in the Bara Banki district not a single appealable sentence was passed in the 322 trials held.

36. References for enhanced punishment by Subordinate Magistrates declined from 803 in 1878, to 326 in the year under report. Fyzabad and Sultanpur are the only districts which return a larger number of these cases for 1879; while the greatest decrease is reported from Kheri, *viz.*, 143 in 1878 to 17 in the past year, and the Deputy Commissioner attributes this to the large number of thieves who were referred to him in the preceding year by Magistrates who had not the power to order whipping. The decrease in petty crimes against property sufficiently accounts for the smaller number of references for enhanced punishment, generally of whipping.

References for enhanced punishment.

37. One hundred and ninety-four persons were tried by Deputy Commissioners under their special powers, or four more than in 1878; but the Deputy Commissioner, Kheri, tried 61 out of the total number, Gonda 28, and Bara Banki 27; while in Rae Bareli and Sultanpur there were no such trials during 1879.

Cases under section 36, Civil Procedure Code.

The committee which was appointed to report on the separation of the Judicial and Executive Departments in Oudh, wrote as follows in the fourth para. of their report, dated 28th March, 1877.

"We are therefore of opinion that it will be best to leave Commissioners as they are, relieving them of a little work as already explained. Probably they will in future have fewer sessions cases, for Deputy Commissioners when freed from civil work may fairly be expected to dispose of more cases under section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. But their time will be fully occupied, for the relief thus obtained will enable them to devote more time to the supervision of revenue and administrative work to which they have hitherto been unable to give sufficient attention."

I think much unnecessary delay, trouble and expense are now entailed by committal to the Sessions of many cases which might with advantage be disposed of by Deputy Commissioners under their extended powers. I have specially in view comparatively simple cases such as those under sections 457 and 475, not calling for sentences in excess of 7 years' imprisonment or transportation; difficult cases should ordinarily be committed, as it is far more satisfactory to the Sessions Judge to try them *ab initio* with the aid of assessors, than to pass orders on them when the files are submitted for confirmation of sentences.

38. There were naturally fewer witnesses before the courts, the number examined being 66,845 or 39,844 less than in the preceding year, and every district returns a comparatively smaller number for 1879, with the exception of Bahraich; this, too, is the only district from which any long detentions are reported, but some explanation of the delays has been furnished in the 19th para. of Deputy Commissioner's report. The Commissioner considers that the long detentions might have been avoided, and remarks that in the case of one Native Extra Assistant Commissioner he had too much work in hand,

RETURN XII. Witnesses examined.

39. This statement also furnishes particulars of diet money paid by Government to witnesses, of whom there were 43,666 recipients as against 90,030 in the preceding year; and the amount paid, Rs. 18,948-4-6, was about half that disbursed during 1878. The average sum paid per witness was again about seven annas; Kheri, Gonda and Fyzabad returning the highest averages, or about eight annas; the Deputy Commissioner of the first named district explains that the high rate is probably due to the dieting of complainants as witnesses in theft cases.

Diet money paid.

40. The subjoined comparative statement of punishments ordered during the past two years shows a marked decrease in sentences of imprisonment and whipping, which is due to fewer persons having been prosecuted for offences against property. The slight increase in breaches of certain special and local laws will partly account for sentences of fine not having fallen off in the same proportion as other punishments :—

RETURN IV.
Punishments.

	1878.	1879.
Rigorous imprisonment with solitary confinement	4,365	2,002
Ditto without solitary confinement	10,177	5,083
Simple imprisonment	847	479
Fine with imprisonment...	2,930	2,455
„ without imprisonment	16,348	13,574
Whipping in addition to other punishment	733	215
„ in lieu of „ „	10,164	2,183

41. Kheri returns the largest (50 per cent.) proportion of sentences of rigorous imprisonment to the total number of persons punished, while Lucknow reports the least, *i. e*, 10 per cent. for the city and 29 per cent. for the district. The peculiar character of the bulk of the city cases sufficiently accounts for the low percentage.

Rigorous imprisonment.

Of the 7,085 persons sentenced in all districts—

(*a*) 732 or 10 per cent. were sentenced to ... ... 15 days and less.
(*b*) 4,372 or 62 „ „ ... ... 6 months and less.
(*c*) 1,890 or 27 „ „ ... ... 2 years and less.

besides 95 persons imprisoned for seven years and under. The proportion of short term (*a*) and (*b*) imprisonments has slightly decreased, and of long term sentences has increased, compared with 1878, as set out in the 34th para. of the report for that year.

42. The largest proportion (23 per cent.) of sentences of simple imprisonment are again returned from the city; and, of the districts, Partabgarh stands first with 11 per cent., and Unao at the other extreme with 2 per cent. These results indicate the districts in which breaches of the Excise Act are more or less vigorously prosecuted, as the bulk of such sentences are passed in these cases, and for attempts at suicide.

Simple imprisonment.

43. Sentences of solitary confinement were 2 per cent. less than in 1878, or 28 per cent. to the number of rigorous imprisonments. The Magistrates of the Partabgarh district sentenced the largest proportion (50 per cent.), and the Lucknow City Court stands second with 40 per cent., while the proportions of the districts of Lucknow, Unao, all of the Sítapur Division, Fyzabad and Sultanpur, are below the provincial average; and there seems good reasons to believe that this salutary provision of the law has not been enforced so freely as it should have been.

Solitary confinement.

Whipping.

44. Of the 2,398 persons who were sentenced to whipping—

718 or 30 per cent. (as against 40 per cent. in 1878) received 10 stripes and less.
1,188 or 50 per cent („ 44 „ in „) „ from 10 to 20 stripes.
492 or 20 per cent. („ 16 „ in „) „ „ 20 to 30 „

According to statistics furnished in the reports of Deputy Commissioners, the Magistrates of the Sitapur Division resorted most frequently to this mode of punishment, Hardoi returning the largest proportion, 19 per cent.; while in Rae Bareli and Partabgarh only 5 per cent. were whipped.

45. Of the 15,029 persons sentenced to fine, 95 per cent. were ordered to pay Rs. 10 or less, which in a comparatively poor country like Oudh would indicate that Magistrates continued to show discrimination in mulcting offenders within their means to pay; and if any further proof of this were necessary, it is to be found in the large proportions realized in nearly every district.

Fines: persons sentenced.

46. Rupees 91,289 is the aggregate amount of fines imposed during the year, out of which Rs. 69,654 or 76 per cent. was recovered, and the percentage realized in each district is entered in the margin, from which it will be seen that only one district is below the standard 60 per cent., which has been prescribed by the Judicial Commissioner as satisfactory. The Gonda return is so low, owing principally to some heavy fines in abkári cases imposed by Mr. Hooper, Assistant Commissioner, for the realization of which the Commissioner of the Fyzabad Division writes, there is no hope; the Deputy Commissioner represents that the law practically compels Magistrates to impose heavy fines, to enable them to give adequate alternative sentences of imprisonment.

Amount of fines realized.

City Lucknow ...	75	Fyzabad ...	66
Lucknow ...	76	Gonda ...	59
Unao ...	83	Bahraich ...	85
Bara Banki ...	73	Rae Bareli ...	82
Sitapur ...	75	Sultanpur ...	73
Hardoi ...	83	Partabgarh ...	86
Kheri ...	71		

47. The outstanding fines amounted to Rs. 14,953 or Rs. 4,119 in excess of the preceding year; Gonda, Sultanpur, Lucknow and Unao, return the larger proportions of this item. And, of the amounts written off as irrecoverable during the year, Fyzabad and the Lucknow City returns compare unfavorably with others.

Outstanding fines.

48. From the subjoined statement it will be seen that less compensation was ordered than in 1878, but that a much larger proportion was paid in the year under report:—

Compensation.

	Awarded.	*Paid.*
	Rs.	Rs.
1878	20,843	9,825
1879	16,497	9,383

The districts of the Fyzabad Division show the largest percentages of compensation paid, Gonda leading with 69 per cent., while Bara Banki returns only 40 per cent., and in this as well as in Sitapur and Hardoi, the payments made in 1879 were not so satisfactory as in the preceding year. I concur with Colonel MacAndrew's remark on the Kheri report that the Courts do not always arrange for the attendance of complainants to receive compensation.

49. In 1878 there were 2,163 persons punished under section 75 of the Penal Code, while for the past year only 854 (as per details in the margin) are returned; the falling off corresponds with the decrease of crimes during 1879 under Chapter XVII. against property. The Commissioner, Fyzabad, reports that he has noticed many cases of inadequate sentences passed on habitual offenders, but that in some that he referred for enhanced punishment, he did not receive much encouragement, as the Judicial Commissioner declined to interfere unless the sentences were glaringly inadequate. I find that Mr. Capper declined to enhance the sentence in the case of one habitual offender received from the Commissioner in 1879, and that in the

Punishment of habitual offenders.

Districts.	Offenders punished.	More or less than in 1878.	Convicted once.	Convicted oftener.
Lucknow	135	—365	70	65
Unao	33	—131	20	13
Bara Banki ...	77	— 37	62	15
Sitapur	61	— 89	45	16
Hardoi	35	— 42	28	7
Kheri	44	— 14	33	11
Fyzabad	138	—181	106	32
Gonda	78	— 36	52	26
Bahraich	40	— 38	33	7
Rae Bareli ...	94	—147	45	49
Sultanpur... ...	78	—155	49	29
Partabgarh ...	41	— 74	32	9
Total ...	854	—1,309	575	279

other cases the convictions were not under Chapters XII. and XVII. Even in that one case Mr. Capper wrote as follows:—" The Commissioner rightly comments on the necessity of exemplary punishment in such cases as this, but I am loth to interfere with the discretion of Magistrates, and when part of the sentence such as flogging has been carried out I prefer not to order a retrial." Supervising officers should continue to impress on all Magistrates the imperative necessity of making proper use of this provision of the law as laid down in section 75 of the Penal Code.

RETURN No. V. Provincial appeals to Deputy Commissioners.

50. Although the appellate work of Deputy Commissioners was somewhat in excess of 1878, still it continued to be light; there were 321 cases involving 547 persons, giving an average of 27 cases for each Deputy Commissioner, as against an average of 20 in the preceding year. Hardoi returns the largest number (65), and Kheri and Partabgarh the lightest files (10 and 11 cases), but in para. 37, I have noticed that the Deputy Commissioner of Kheri tried many more cases under section 36, than other Deputy Commissioners.

51. Appeals seem to have been decided more expeditiously, as the average duration has fallen from 9 days in 1878 to 5 9 in 1879; being highest (12) in Gonda, and lowest (3) in Bara Banki; from Sitapur also the average duration is returned as low as 3·53 days.

52. From the subjoined percentages it will be seen that a very small proportion of appeals is preferred to the total number of cases disposed of by Magistrates whose sentences were appealable to Deputy Commissioners.

Lucknow.	Unao.	Bara Banki.	Sitapur.	Hardoi.	Kheri.	Fyzabad.	Gonda.	Bahraich.	Rae Bareli.	Sultanpur.	Partabgarh.
6 91	4 92	6·11	2 52	4 93	6 60	5·63	2·18	1 78	1 31	4·29	3·87

These proportions are not based on appealable sentences only, as such sentences are not separately indicated in the return; but in the new form of return No. IV. Criminal, proposed in my predecessor's No. 453, dated 7th ultimo, the column "convicted" has been subdivided into appealable and non-appealable sentences, which will admit of a more satisfactory test of the judgments of Subordinate Magistrates.

Supervision by Deputy Commissioners

53. The files of 1,053 cases were called for, being 260 less than in the preceding year, the Deputy Commissioners of the Lucknow district and of the Rae Bareli Division inspected a larger number than in 1878; but although the Deputy Commissioners of Hardoi, Gonda and Fyzabad called for fewer cases than in 1878, still they exercised apparently the greatest supervision of all district Magistratos, as they inspected by far the larger number of files during 1879.

Commissioners' Return IIIA. Sessions trials.

54. Sessions trials decreased during the year, there having been 433 commitments to 614 in the preceding year; this was to be expected with the great falling off in heinous crimes during 1879, throughout the province. I have alluded in the 5th para. of my report, as Commissioner of the Lucknow Division, to a murder case in Unao in which I acquitted all (7) the accused, and to the notable Lucknow trials for stamp forgeries in which I awarded heavy sentences. The Commissioner of Fyzabad has particularized at some length the trials held in his Division, and specially invites attention (para. 17) to a case of dacoity committed by Sikhs residing in Nipal in the year 1876. There is no mention of any Sessions trials in the Sitapur and Rae Bareli reports, so it may be inferred that there was none of any peculiar feature.

A marked improvement in the duration of Sessions cases has been returned from every division but Sitapur, the Commissioner of which explains "that the duration of cases is not unreasonable. Two months between commitment and trial and an average of 1·2 days after the trial has begun, appears to me fair disposal by an officer who has other work to do. I go much about in the cold weather and only now and again can conveniently take up Sessions cases, and if Government insists on reducing the averages, it will prevent me making any real inspections in the Revenue Department."

There were 29 trials, out of 432 disposed of, held away from headquarters during the year, details of which are furnished in provincial return No. IIIA.

Return XI. Assessors.

55. In the great majority of cases tried by assessors, the Courts agreed with the assessors in their verdicts.

Return XII. Witnesses.

56. Fewer witnesses were necessarily examined during the year, as there were fewer trials. The details of diet money and travelling allowance to Government servants paid to witnesses, call for no remarks.

Identification of corpse at post-mortem examination.

57. In the 8th para. of his report the Commissioner of Sitapur has pointed out how defective is the evidence usually sent up in cases of homicide, of the identity of the body sent to the Civil Surgeon with that of the person said to be killed, and he suggests that the Police chalán should have a heading "who identified the body to the medical officer." The evidence of this witness should always be given at the Sessions trial, and the matter is of considerable importance and urgency, Mr. Capper having commented in more than one case on the omission to supply this connecting link in the chain of evidence.

Record of confession and statement of accused.

58. The Commissioner of Rae Bareli has also noticed certain points of procedure in his 17-19th paras. As regards the record of an accused person's examination not being required in English, attention has been drawn to paras. 100-101 of the preface to the provincial edition of the Criminal Procedure Code, the former distinctly requiring such examination to be recorded in English also, if that is the language of the officer trying the case. And, in respect to the importance of complying strictly with section 122 of the Code, the Commissioner has been informed that this has been frequently enjoined by successive Judicial Commissioners; and that any Magistrate who neglects its provisions in recording a confession, leaves himself open to grave censure.

Return No. IVA. Punishments.

59. The statistics of persons sentenced to the various kinds of punishments do not seem to require elucidation, the actuals are less under every description of penalty in a ratio corresponding with the smaller number of persons tried. Fines imposed, however, increased from Rs. 4,222 to Rs. 6,971, and the return shows that Rs. 2,342-3-9 were recovered during the year. The large unrealized amount in Lucknow is due to one very heavy fine imposed at the very end of the year by Mr. Anderson, in the case which he was specially deputed to try at Lucknow. In the Lucknow Division there were only 12 murders against 42 in 1878, and no capital sentence was passed in the Lucknow Court during the year; of the 31 persons sentenced to death whose cases were disposed of by Mr. Capper, the orders on 22 were confirmed, as here detailed—

	Sitapur.	*Fyzabad.*	*Rae Bareli.*
Sentenced	16	6	9
Confirmed	12	5	5

Return V. Appeals.

60. The appellate work of the Lucknow Court increased from 133 cases in 1878, to 244 in 1879, and decreased in that of Fyzabad, from 207 to 149 cases; while the Sitapur and Rae Bareli files for the two years were much the same. The average duration was slightly higher than in 1878, in the Lucknow and Sitapur Courts.

61. In supervising the work of subordinate courts, Commissioners called for files of 342 cases, being 127 in excess of the number for 1878, Lucknow, Sitapur and Fyzabad return comparatively larger numbers, and the Commissioner of Sitapur inspected most cases during the year.

Supervision.

62. I subjoin a comparative table of the business disposed of by the Judicial Commissioner during the last two years, showing somewhat fewer appeals, but a large increase on the revision side :—

No. V.B. Judicial Commissioner's Court.

	1878.	1879.
Reports for confirmation of sentences of death	38	31
Appeals	327	315
(REVISION SIDE.)		
Applications by parties	55	78
Reports by Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners	92	147
Cases called for by Judicial Commissioner on monthly returns	293	450
Total	805	1,021

There were only five appeals pending at the close of the year, and the average duration of those decided was 16 days. Revision cases were expeditiously disposed of, the average duration of each case being six days.

I have the honor to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,
J. REID,
Officiating Judicial Commissioner, Oudh.

JUDICIAL RETURN No. 1.

Showing the various judicial tribunals, original and appellate, existing in the districts of Oudh on the last day of the year 1879.

Class of tribunals, distinguishing those which exercise powers in one department from those exercising powers in two or three departments, and those consisting of paid from unpaid judges.	Number of judicial divisions.	Average area of province in square miles.	Population of province.	Number of tribunals.	Constitution of tribunals, stating number of judges in each, and jury or assessors, if any.	Judicial powers of each tribunal, original and appellate.	Prescribed qualifications of judges previous to appointment.	Total number of judges. European. Covenanted.	Total number of judges. European. Commissioned military officers.	Total number of judges. European. Uncovenanted.	Total number of judges. Native.	Average annual salary of each paid judge. European.	Average annual salary of each paid judge. Native.	Total cost of tribunals.	Net receipt from stamps.	Executive or other functions exercised by the same officers.	Average number of days in the year devoted to judicial work.	Average number of advocates attached to each tribunal.	Number of cases decided during the year. Criminal.	Number of cases decided during the year. Civil.	Number of cases decided during the year. Revenue or Rent.	Appeals in all departments.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Local and Subordinate Magistrates exercising criminal powers only. Honorary Assistant Commissioners, Tahsildars, Extra Assistant Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners. — 3rd Class — Paid — European	4 Divisions 12 districts, 43 tahsils and 3 cantonments.	23,902 Square miles, *vide* Census Report for 1869.	11,220,232, *vide* Census Report for 1869.	1	1	These officers include talukdars who are Honorary Assistant Commissioners or Honorary Magistrates, Tahsildars, Extra Assistant Commissioners, and Assistant Commissioners. The civil and rent powers with which they are invested are respectively those laid down in Act XIII. of 1879, and sections 88, 89, and 90, Act XIX. of 1868.	...	...	...	1	...	865	...	865	664,873 for the province.	..	273 days excluding 52 Sundays and 40 holidays.	17 Barristers and 150 pleaders, of all grades in the province.	24	...	...	
3rd Class — Paid — Native				...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
3rd Class — Unpaid — European				...			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			..	...	...	
3rd Class — Unpaid — Native				3	6 and 1		...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...		...			*939	...	...	*Includes city bench of 6 Hory. Magtes
2nd Class — Paid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	..	
2nd Class — Paid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Unpaid — Native				1	1		...	...	..	...	1	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Paid — European				1	1		...	1	...	...	...	12,000	...	13,320		City Magte.			29	...	...	
1st Class — Paid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			1,631	...	...	
1st Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Unpaid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
Local and Subordinate Magistrates exercising criminal and civil powers as above. — 3rd Class — Paid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
3rd Class — Paid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
3rd Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
3rd Class — Unpaid — Native				14	1		...	...	...	...	14	...	...	...		..			298	566	...	
2nd Class — Paid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Paid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Unpaid — Native				3	1		...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...		..			265	483	...	
1st Class — Paid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Paid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Unpaid — Native				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
Local and Subordinate Magistrates exercising criminal, civil and revenue powers. — 3rd Class — Paid — European				1	1		...	1	...	...	...	3,716	...	3,716		..			24	25	11	
3rd Class — Paid — Native				22	1		...	...	...	...	22	...	1,533	45,408		..			1,733	3,868	3,880	
3rd Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	..	
3rd Class — Unpaid — Native				5	1		...	...	...	...	5	...	...	..		..			119	25	1	
2nd Class — Paid — European				4	1		...	2	1	1	...	3,851	...	13,635		...			326	251	823	
2nd Class — Paid — Native				23	1		...	...	...	...	23	...	2,000	61,831		..			4,247	2,456	6,606	
2nd Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
2nd Class — Unpaid — Native				12	1		...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...		..			408	549	43	
1st Class — Paid — European				19	1		...	8	6	5	...	7,767	...	1,53,817		..			4,970	1,720	2,929	
1st Class — Paid — Native				26	1		...	...	...	...	26	...	3,572	1,18,266		..			8,766	9,105	9,535	
1st Class — Unpaid — European				...	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..			...	...	...	
1st Class — Unpaid — Native				2	1		...	...	...	...	2	...	...	120		..			145	263	75	
Small Cause Courts confined to proper functions	...	...	...	1	1	Act XI. of 1865	...	1	1	...	...	12,000	...	19,756	...	..	...	...	...	4,351	...	
Do. do. do. ordinary criminal and civil	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	12,109	...	26,757	...	Cantt. Magtes.	...	...	715	437	249	Fyzabad Cantonment did district work also.
Judges exercising civil powers only	...	...	...	39	1	Dist. and Sub-Judges and Munsifs, &c.	...	1	2	(a)4	32	11,714	3,360	1,56,043	...	...	...	...	(b)	12,355	...	1,065
Boards of Magistrates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Magistrates of districts exercising ordinary jurisdiction	...	...	...	12	1	Deputy Commissioner	...	4	6	2	...	18,834	...	2,75,411	...	..	...	...	539	63	384	3,121
Do. exercising special powers under section 36, Criminal Procedure Code, Act X. of 1872.																						
Sessions Courts	...	...	...	4	With assessors	...	...	2	2	...	...	33,000	...	1,84,637	...	..	...	...	432	...	...	1,700
Judical Commissioner's Court	...	...	...	1	1	Sessions High Court...	...	1	...	...	...	36,000	...	57,077	...	..	...	...	23	...	...	761 Besides 819 revision cases, miscellaneous appeals and applications.
Grand Total	...	...	...	197	...	...	...	21	20	13	148	...	...	11,30,961	...	..	..	...	24,736	36,517	24,536	6,737

(a.) Includes Civil Judge of Lucknow under Act XXXII. of 1871.
(b.) This includes the civil cases decided by 24 Honorary Assistant Commissioners.

IMPERIAL No. II.—CRIMINAL.

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted for each offence in the Province of Oudh, for the year 1879.

Description of offences.		Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
CLASS I.								
The State, the Public and Justice.								
	Indian Penal Code.							
1. Waging war against the Queen or conspiring thereto, secs.	121 and 121*a*	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Collecting arms or concealing attempt to wage war,	122 and 123	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Attempt to excite disaffection	124*a*	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. War or depredation on allied powers	125 to 127	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Abetment of mutiny	131 and 132	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Harboring a deserter	136	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7. Abetment of insubordination in army and navy ...	138	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Coins, Stamps, Weights and Measures.								
1. Counterfeiting coin	231 to 236	2	2	2	...	...	...	
2. Import or export of counterfeit coin	237 and 238	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Passing or possessing bad or altered coin ...	239 to 243, 250 to 254	70	73	37	36	...	...	
4. Diminishing or altering coin	246 to 249	7	8	4	4	...	...	
5. Making, selling or possessing counterfeit stamps...	255 to 259	7	17	5	12	...	...	
6. Using as genuine counterfeit stamps or effacing or altering same.	260 to 263	16	14	3	11	...	...	
7. Making, using or possessing false weights and measures.	264 to 267	70	97	41	56	...	...	
	Total ...	172	211	92	119	...	...	
Public Justice.								
1. Concealing a design to commit a non-bailable offence.	118 to 120	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto ditto a bailable offence ...	119 and 120	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Personating a soldier	140	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto a public servant	170 and 171	14	14	2	12	...	...	
3. Evading, disobeying or preventing service of summons.	172 to 174	28	37	12	23	...	2	
4. Omitting to produce a document ...	175	2	2	1	1	...	...	
5. Omitting to give information. 1. by person legally bound	176	26	40	17	23	...	...	
2. of an offence ...	202	70	90	30	60	...	...	
6. Giving false information. on any subject ...	177 and 182	38	40	17	20	...	3	
respecting an offence ...	203	4	10	2	8	...	...	
7. Refusing oath, answer or signature when duly required.	178 to 180	...	...	...	...	...	...	
8. Making false statement on oath	181	2	2	1	1	...	...	
9. Resistance to the lawful taking or selling of property,	183 and 184	55	112	60	44	3	5	
10. Obstructing or omitting to assist a public servant,	186 and 187	67	122	64	53	...	5	
11. Disobedience of lawful order	188	115	182	82	94	...	6	
12. Threatening with injury	189 and 190	...	...	...	...	...	...	
13. Causing disappearance of evidence	201	1	2	2	...	...	...	
14 Secreting or destroying documentary evidence ...	204	1	...	...	...	...	...	
15. Harboring an offender	212 and 216	9	13	4	8	...	1	
16. Taking or offering gift to screen offender ...	213 and 215	3	6	4	2	...	...	
17. Resistance to lawful apprehension of self ...	224	32	27	2	23	1	1	
18. Resistance to lawful apprehension or rescue of another. special ...	225	16	17	9	6	...	2	
ordinary ...	...	2	3	...	3	...	...	
19. Escape from lawful custody	225*a*	2	7	...	7	...	...	
Do, from transportation	226	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20. Intentional insult or interruption during judicial proceeding.	228	20	25	2	23	...	...	
	Total ...	507	751	311	411	4	25	
Public Servants.								
1. Public servant negligently suffering escape ...	129 and 223	9	18	8	10	...	...	
2. Acceptance of gratification by public servant or offer of to influence.	161 to 165	28	37	18	17	...	2	
3. Public servants acting illegally to injure any person	166 and 167	4	3	1	1	...	1	
4. Ditto unlawfully trading or buying property ...	168 and 169	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Ditto fraudulently defeating punishment or forfeiture.	217 and 218	2	1	...	1	...	...	
6. Ditto wilfully making order or decision contrary to law.	219 and 220	...	...	...	...	...	...	
7. Ditto intentionally omitting to apprehend or permitting escape.	221 and 222	4	7	2	5	...	...	
	Total ...	47	66	29	34	...	3	

IMPERIAL No. II.—CRIMINAL.

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried convicted and acquitted for each offence in the Province of Oudh for the year 1879 —(continued).

Description of offences.		Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
False evidence, false complaints or claims and forgery.								
1. Giving or fabricating false evidence simple, ...	193	75	102	37	61	1	3	
2. Giving or fabricating false evidence to procure conviction of offence punishable with death or transportion for life	194 and 195	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Using false or fabricated evidence	196	6	10	5	3	2	...	
4. Signing or using a false certificate	197 and 198	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5 Making or using false declaration	199 and 200	4	4	2	2	...	..	
6. False personation in judicial proceeding ...	205	9	10	6	4	..	...	
7. Fraudulently claiming or removing property to prevent legal seizure.	206 and 207	8	25	16	4	...	5	
8 Fraudulently suffering a decree to pass or obtaining a decree for a sum not due or suffering to be executed or executing a decree after it has been satisfied.	208 to 210	8	3	2	1	...	...	
9 False claim in a court of justice	209 and 211	178	110	61	47	...	2	
10. Fraudulent dispossession of property ...	421; 422 and 424	2	1	1	...	...	...	
11. Executing a deed containing false statement of consideration.	423	1	...	...	...	...	...	
12. Forgery simple	465, 469 and 471	33	27	17	7	1	2	
13. Ditto or fraudulently using or possessing forged documents	466 to 468 472 to 477	17	15	5	4	...	6	
14 Making or using false trade or property mark ...	482 to 488	1	...	...	...	...	..	
15. Removing or destroying a property mark ...	489	5	4	3	1	...	...	
	Total ...	347	311	155	134	4	18	
Public nuisances.								
1 Negligently or malignantly endangering human life.	269 to 271, 275 to 279	86	60	31	29	...	...	
2. Adulterating or selling adulterated food or drugs,	272 to 275	8	16	9	7	...	...	
3. Knowingly selling one drug as another ...	276	...	...	...	...	...	...	
4. Defiling the water of a public reservoir ...	277	2	2	2	...	...	...	
5. Making atmosphere noxious to health ...	278	3	6	4	2	...	...	
6. Obstructing a public way	283	13	13	6	7	...	...	
7. Committing a nuisance	290 and 291	18	20	11	9	...	...	
8. Sale and possession of obscene books ..	292 and 293	...	...	...	...	...	..	
9. Obscene songs	294	34	84	10	74	...	...	
10. Keeping lottery office or publishing proposals relating to lotteries.	294a	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	Total ...	164	201	73	128	..	...	
Public peace.								
1. Being a member of or joining an unlawful assembly.	143 to 145, 151 and 158	209	468	310	156	..	2	
2. Abetment of an unlawful assembly	150 and 157	1	...	...	...	..	..	
3. Rioting	147, 148, 152, 153, 149	316	1,386	528	829	...	23	
4. Omitting to inform of or prevent a riot ...	154 to 156	2	3	...	1		...	
5. Affray	161	53	211	66	148	...	...	
6. Offences relating to religion	295 to 298	25	57	35	22	...	...	
	Total ...	606	2,125	939	1,156	5	25	
CLASS II.								
The person.								
1. Murder by thugs	302, 303, 396	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Ditto by dacoits		...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Ditto by robbers		10	18	8	10	...	...	
4. Ditto by poison, for sake of robbery ..		1	1	...	1	...	...	
4. Ditto by poison, from other motives ...		...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Ditto other than above. from motives connected with women.		10	23	11	5	...	7	
5. Ditto other than above. from other motives ...		69	119	51	51	...	17	
6. Calpable homicide, with intent	304	53	107	32	57	1	17	
6. Calpable homicide, by negligence ...	304a	13	19	12	7	...	...	
7. Absence of suicide	305 and 306	5	...	...	...	...	...	

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Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted for each offence in the Province of Oudh for the year 1879—(continued).

Description of offences.		Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
The Person—(continued).								
8. Attempt to commit, murder	307	24	34	14	18	..	2	
culpable homicide ...	308	5	5	...	5	.	...	
suicide	309	386	325	96	228	1		
9. Causing miscarriage, simple	312	18	12	8	4	...	..	
aggravated	313 to 316	1	...	...	...	...	...	
10. Exposure of infant or concealment of birth ...	317 and 318	74	92	21	69	..	2	
11. Causing hurt, simple	323 and 334	12,105	7,576	5,505	1,9 3	30	43	
by dangerous weapon ...	324	75	81	40	41	...	...	
12. Grievous hurt, ordinary	325	357	486	190	282	5	3	
by dangerous weapon ...	326	16	15	7	7	...	1	
by grave and sudden provocation ...	335	13	13	2	11	...	...	
by an act which endangers human life ...	338	7	4	2	2	...	.	
13. Administering stupifying drugs	328	20	21	8	12	...	1	
14. Causing, hurt ... to extort property or confession	330, 332, 327	17	20	18	2	...	...	
grievous hurt, or constrain a person ...	329, 331, 333	1	...	...	...	...	...	
15 Doing any act which endangers human safety	336, 337	5	2	1	1	..	...	
16. Wrongful restraint	341	143	88	73	12	...	3	
17. Wrongful confinement simple	342 to 344	101	78	51	27	...	..	
to extort property or confession ...	347 and 348	9	12	9	3	...	...	
18. Assault or use of criminal force .	352, 353, 354, 355, 357, 358	1,846	2,469	1,916	515	7	31	
19. Assault in attempting theft from person	356	8	9	4	5	...	...	
20 Kidnapping or abduction	363 to 365, 367 to 369	164	214	111	99	2	2	
21 Abducting a woman to compel marriage or for defilement.	366	31	46	23	23	...	...	
22. Buying or disposing of a person as a slave ...	370	...	...	...	...	...	...	
23. Habitually dealing in slaves ...	371	...	...	...	...	...	...	
24. Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a woman for purposes of prostitution.	372 and 373	24	26	14	12	...	...	
25. Rape	376	92	65	39	20	1	2	
26. Unnatural offence	377	21	19	11	8	...	...	
27. Fraudulent and unlawful marriages	493, 495, 496	8	7	6	1	...	..	
28. Bigamy	494	86	98	76	14	...	8	
29. Adultery	497	153	131	103	28	..	...	
30. Enticing a married woman with criminal intent,	498	692	614	490	107	3	14	
31. Defamation	500 to 509	244	127	107	19	...	1	
32. Insult	504 and 505	104	117	93	20		4	
33. Criminal intimidation	506, 507, 508	52	30	25	5	...	...	
34. Being drunk and disorderly	510	...	..	...	...	.	..	
	Total ...	17,098	13,144	9,177	3 754	50	163	
CLASS III								
Property with violence.								
1. Theft after making preparation for causing hurt .. ... of cattle, ordinary,	 382	... 12	... 15	... 14	... ...	... .	.. 1	
2. Extortion by causing fear of death or grievous hurt or accusation.	386 to 389	20	5	2	3	...	...	
3. Robbery ... in a dwelling house ...	392 and 393	71	31	15	16	...	.	
on the highway		2-	23	10	10	3	...	
elsewhere		50	33	15	18	...	...	
4 Robbery ... with hurt or deadly weapon ...	392 and 393	3	8	3	5	...	...	
by poison or stupefying drugs, ...		1	...	...	...	...	...	
by other means ...		2	6	1	5	...	...	
5 Dacoity ... without grievous hurt ...	395 and 398	33	118	65	38	..	14	
with grievous hurt ...	397	1	1	...	1	...	...	
6. Preparation or assembly for dacoity ...	399 and 402	1	...	...	...	...	..	
7. House trespass in order to the committing of any offence punishable with death.	449	9	...	...	...	...	...	
of any offence punishable with transportation for life.	450	...	...	..	...	...	...	
of any offence punishable with imprisonment other than theft	451	11	11	5	6	...	...	
8. House-trespass, lurking house-trespass or house-breaking in order to commit theft.	451, 454 and 457	18,874	2,560	840	1,620	1	29	
9. House-trespass, lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with preparation for or attempt at hurt.	452, 455 and 458	95	27	10	15	...	2	
10. Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking. simple	453 and 459	88	74	22	52	...	...	
in order to commit an offence other than theft.	454 and 457	66	86	31	55	...	..	
11. Lurking house trespass or house breaking with grievous hurt or attempt to cause death or grievous hurt.	459 and 460	4	8	..	3	...	5	
	Total ...	19,328	3,006	1,034	1 917	4	51	

IMPERIAL No. II.—CRIMINAL.

Statement of offences reported and of persons tried, convicted and acquitted for each offence in the Province of Oudh for the year 1879—(continued).

Description of offences.		Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
Property without violence.								
1. Theft ... of cattle	379 to 381	686	456	125	328	...	3	
1. Theft ... ordinary		20,423	5,132	1,512	3,589	12	19	
2. Extortion	384 and 385	180	54	40	14	...	...	
3. Dishonest misappropriation of property ...	403 and 404	13	145	45	97	2	1	
4. Criminal breach of trust	406 and 409	238	208	102	100	4	2	
5. Dishonestly receiving stolen property ...	411 to 414	685	1,155	368	774	3	10	
6. Cheating	417 to 420	313	162	74	83	1	4	
	Total ...	22,655	7,312	2,266	4,985	22	39	
Malicious offences								
1. Mischief ordinary	426, 427, 430 to 433	830	759	528	200	5	26	
2. Mischief by poison or killing cattle	428 and 429	95	121	58	62	1	...	
3. Mischief by destroying land marks	434	16	20	19	1	...	...	
4. Mischief by fire ... ordinary	435	29	17	13	4	...	...	
4. Mischief by fire ... serious	436 and 438	190	117	96	16	...	5	
5. Mischief to a vessel	437 and 439	1	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Criminal trespass and house trespass... ...	447 and 448	1,280	1,134	753	339	1	41	
7. Dishonestly opening a closed receptacle ...	461 and 462	5	1	1	...	...	...	
	Total ...	2,446	2,169	1,468	622	7	72	
CLASS IV.								
Not included in above classes.								
1. Abetments of non-bailable offences not otherwise provided for	109 and 116	1	12	8	4	...	...	
1. Abetments of bailable offences not otherwise provided for		2	9	4	5	...	...	
2. Belonging to a gang of thugs	311	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Belonging to a gang of dacoits	400	1	4	4	...	...	...	
2. Belonging to a gang of thieves ... —	401	1	4	4	...	...	...	
3. Unlawful compulsory labor	374	2	1	1	...	...	...	
4. Criminal breaches of contract of service ..	490 and 492	24	25	13	12	...	...	
5. Attempts non-bailable offences not otherwise provided for	511	2	2	...	2	...	...	
5. Attempts bailable offences not otherwise provided for		12	17	2	15	...	...	
	Total ...	45	74	36	38	...	...	
Criminal Procedure Code.								
1. Frivolous or vexatious complaint, Chapter XVI	209	4	5	...	5	...	...	
2. Proceedings to compel payment of penalty by accused, Chapter XXVIII.	396	4	10	...	10	...	...	
3. Ditto ditto by sureties	397	1	3	3	...	..	...	
4. Penalty for non-attendance of assessors, Chapter XXIX.	414	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. Contempts and disobedience of orders, Chapter XXX	435, 436 and 438	4	3	...	3	...	...	
6. Executing recognizance, Chapter XXXVII. ..	489	200	377	142	207	...	28	
7. Furnishing security after having been convicted of offences specified in section.	489	235	182	52	128	...	2	
8. Furnishing bond on information received of a likelihood of a breach of the peace	493	754	1,358	531	814	...	13	
9. Security for good behaviour, Chapter XXXVIII	504 and 505	270	478	118	356	1	3	
10. Security for more than one year	506 and 508	7	8	4	4	...	...	
11. Release of prisoners under requisition and discharge of sureties.	511 to 512	...	...	..	...	...	...	
12. Recovery of penalty from sureties	514	5	8	6	2	...	...	
13. Local nuisances, orders prohibiting, Chapter XXXIX.	518 to 521	70	98	3	95	...	...	
14. Procedure or claim for jury	523 to 528	2	...	...	...	...	...	
15. Disputes concerning land, Chapter XL. ...	530 to 534	88	101	81	20	...	...	
16. Maintenance of wives and children, Chapter XLI.	536 to 538	584	382	243	139	...	...	
	Total ...	2,225	3,013	1,183	1,783	1	46	
Breaches of special and local laws relating to								
1. Arms Acts XXXI., 1860 and VI of 1866		74	97	24	70	...	3	
2. Cantonments Act XXII., 1864		395	660	128	532	...	...	
3. Cattle trespass, Act I, 1871		878	1,464	1,074	375	...	15	
4. Contagious diseases Act XIV, 1868		14	20	5	15	...	...	

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Description of offences.	Number of offences reported during the year.	Number of persons under trial during the year.	Acquitted and discharged.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred	Remaining under trial.	Remarks.
Breaches of special and local laws relating to—(concluded).							
5. Electric Telegraph Act VIII., 1860	11	14	5	7	...	2	
6. Emigration Act VII, 1871	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6a. Eunuchs	18	21	6	15	...	...	
7. European Vagrancy Act XXI., 1869	1	1	...	1	...	...	
8. Excise on spirit and drugs Act X., 1871...	545	383	88	292	1	2	
9. Ferries Regulation VI., 1819	3	6	3	3	...	...	
10. Foreigners Act III, 1864	...	...	...	...	...	...	
11. Forests Act VII., 1865	158	123	23	100	...	...	
12. Gaming and Lotteries sections 10 to 15, Act XXI., 1857 and Act II., 1867...	76	399	62	337	...	...	
13. Infanticide Act VIII., 1870	...	...	...	...	...	...	
14. Jails Acts XXXVI., 1870 and V., 1871	2	2	1	1	...	...	
15. Lunatics wandering and dangerous Act XXXVI, 1858	16	15	6	9	...	...	
16. Mint Act III, 1862	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17. Municipal Byelaws Acts XVIII, 1864, XXII., 1865, XV., 1867 ...	3,097	6,331	852	5,472	2	5	
18. Nuisances section 34, Act V., 1871	607	1,450	143	1,307	...	...	
19. Opium Act XIII., 1857	579	621	122	495	1	3	
20. Paper currency Act III., 1871	...	...	...	...	...	...	
21. Police Act by Police Officer Act V, 1861	25	33	9	24	...	...	
22. Post office Act XIV., 1866	9	9	3	3	...	3	
23. Press Act XXV, 1867	18	31	20	11	...	...	
24. Railways Acts XVIII, 1864, XXXI., 1867, XIII., 1870	79	104	20	83	...	1	
25. Registration Act VIII., 7871	3	4	...	2	...	2	
26. Salt and saltpetre Acts XIV., 1843, XXXVI., 1855, XXXI., 1861, XIX., 1862, and XXXIII, 1867.	151	261	14	247	...	...	
27. Stage coaches Act XVI, 1861	33	47	13	34	...	...	
28. Stamps Acts XVIII, 1869, and VII., 1870	721	1,259	284	947	25	3	
29. Tolls Act XV., 1864	1	1	...	1	...	...	
30. Village watchmen Act III., 1869	9	12	3	9	...	...	
31. Other Miscellaneous	12	13	1	12	...	...	
32. Act XXVII. of 1878	6	11	5	6	...	...	
33. Act XVIII. of 1876	177	32	9	23	...	...	
Total ...	7,718	13,424	2,923	10,433	29	39	
GRAND TOTAL ...	73,361	45,807	19,686	25,514	126	481	

Appendix to Judicial Commissioner's Criminal Report for 1879.

IMPERIAL No. III —CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the general result of criminal trials in the tribunals of various classes in the province of Oudh for the year 1879.

Classes of tribunals.		Number of persons dealt with.							Persons disposed of								Remarks.
		Remaining at end of last year.	Brought to trial during present year.				Received by transfer.	Total.	Discharged without trial	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Remaining at end of year.	Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of witnesses who attended.	
			Under arrest by Police.	Upon Magistrate's warrant.	On Summons.	Voluntary appearance.											
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Unpaid Magistrates		25	2,708	158	1,312	80	...	4,283	724	989	2,507	2	27	34	4·28	4,162	
Local and subordinate paid Magistrates ...		68	6,518	173	5,770	365	...	12,894	2,211	3,999	6,600	...	11	73	5·63	13,901	
Full power Magistrates of general jurisdiction.	Natives ...	226	8,479	677	5,475	266	5	15,128	5,572	3,158	7,820	402	44	132	6 88	46,617	
	Europeans...	222	7,848	677	3,341	322	...	12,410	2,189	2,328	7,356	344	34	159	6·23		
Chief Magistrates of districts		9	422	36	151	26	...	644	129	73	431	5	5	1	4·11	2,165	
Deputy Commissioners under section 36, Act X. of 1872.		2	141	38	10	4	...	195	39	25	125	1	4	1	8·24		
Total Magistracy ...		552	26,116	1,759	16,059	1,063	5	45,554	8,864	10,572	24,839	754	125	400	5·75	66,845	5 8 79
Commissioners Sessions		62	...	...	...	...	...	806	5	223	516	...	1	61	36·01	3,964	4 11 79
Judicial Commissioner's Court		...	31	...	...	...	...	31	...	2	26	...	...	...	20·0	...	
Total ...		62	31	...	...	...	...	837	5	225	542	...	1	61	36·21	3,964	4 11 79

IMPERIAL No. IV.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by various criminal tribunals in the province of Oudh in the year 1879.

Classes of tribunals.	Persons sentenced to: Death.	Transportation: For life	Transportation: For a term.	Penal Servitude.	Imprisonment: Rigorous: With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment: Rigorous: Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine: With imprisonment.	Fine: Without imprisonment.	Whipping: In addition to other punishment	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment.	Persons ordered to give: Surety of the peace	Recognizance.	Surety of good behaviour.	Detail of Punishment. Fines: Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount of fines.	Amount realized.	Amount of compensation awarded.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Imprisonment: 15 days: Rigorous.	15 days: Simple.	Six months: Rigorous.	Six months: Simple.	Two years: Rigorous.	Two years: Simple.	Seven years: Rigorous.	Seven years: Simple	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Above 7 years: Simple.	Whipped: Ten stripes and under.	Twenty stripes and under.	Thirty stripes and under.
Unpaid Magistrates ...	...	...	...	...	100	290	27	...	112	1,978	9	102	...	9	1	2,041	47	2	...	...	...	4,189	3,289	586	294	61	5	298	22	31	...	...	...	...	...	49	55	7
Local and subordinate paid magistrates	...	...	...	...	253	1,499	82	...	756	4,221	27	529	...	13	2	4,683	292	2	...	...	...	16,281	14,545	2,947	1,915	320	33	1,319	48	114	...	...	...	...	...	201	309	46
Full power Magistrates of general jurisdiction. Europeans ...	...	...	...	...	87	1,951	133	...	1,052	2,852	94	984	66	671	219	3,201	655	41	7	...	...	35,256	26,456	5,447	3,280	102	61	1,657	121	1,073	2	5	...	...	...	294	527	257
Natives ...	...	...	...	...	654	1,164	176	...	466	4,408	69	495	57	342	111	4,351	421	63	37	1	1		21,958	6,944	3,684	232	122	988	47	594	6	5	...	...	...	148	262	154
Chief Magistrates of districts,	...	...	...	...	45	124	11	...	48	115	8	69	13	43	9	107	53	1	2	...	...		2,601	146	83	17	4	98	7	45	...	9	...	...	...	26	29	22
Deputy Commissioners, under section 36, Criminal Procedure Code.	...	...	3	...	63	55	...	...	27	...	8	4	...	...	...	8	6	2	5	...	...	31,006 2,742 1,735	705	427	127	...	...	12	...	33	...	76	...	...	...	...	6	6
Total Magistracy ...	...	...	3	...	2,002	5,083	479	...	2,455	13,574	215	2,183	136	1,078	342	14,391	1,474	111	51	1	1	91,209	69,654	16,497	9,383	732	225	4,372	245	1,890	8	95	...	...	...	718	1,188	492
Commissioner's Sessions ...	28	41	89	...	135	223	3	...	41	4	8	2	...	...	...	10	22	7	2	3	1	6,971	2,342	1,045	500	1	...	77	3	115	...	161	...	4	...	2	1	7
Judicial Commissioner's Court,	22	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	50	45	80	...	135	223	3	...	41	4	8	2	...	...	...	10	22	7	2	3	1	6,971	2,342	1,045	500	1	...	77	3	115	...	161	...	4	...	2	1	7

IMPERIAL No. V.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the result of appeals and revisions in criminal cases in the province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Tribunals.		Number of appellants or persons applying for revision under section 297 code of criminal procedure.	Number of persons.								Dates of oldest appeals pending have been furnished in the provincial return.
			Appeals or applications rejected	Sentences confirmed.	Sentences modified.	Sentences reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	Further enquiry or evidence ordered.	Cases referred for revision to High Court.	Pending.	
By Magistrates of Districts	Appeals ...	547	50	292	102	93	9	...	...	1	12-12-1879.
	Revisions ...	2,061	...	1,980	...	...	...	...	102	29	
Sessions Court, *i.e.*, Commissioners ...	Appeals ...	779	208	364	100	78	...	...	1	28	20-10-1879.
	Revisions ...	710	...	675	...	...	...	...	35	...	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	Appeals ...	320	177	63	24	51	...	...	...	5	
	Revisions ...	723	71	441	45	118	...	...	...	48	
Total	Appeals ...	1,646	435	719	226	222	9	...	1	34	
	Revisions ...	4,494	71	3,046	45	118	...	...	137	77	

IMPERIAL RETURN No. XI.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing use of Assessors in the Criminal Courts in the province of Oudh for the year 1879.

Classes of Courts in which Assessors are employed, distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Assessors in each case and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases with Assessors.	*Assessors' trials.*		Note showing in what classes of cases Assessors have been principally employed.
			Number of cases in which Judge agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judge differed from Assessors.	
Commissioner, Lucknow Division	2·35	117	109	8	In all Sessions cases except those decided on confession.
Ditto Sitapur ditto	2·	99	92	7	
Ditto Fyzabad ditto	2·5	90	89	1	
Ditto Rae Bareli ditto	2·	81	72	9	
Total	2·21	387	362	25	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. I.

Showing particulars regarding judicial tribunals in the province of Oudh during the year 1879, arranged according to divisions, districts, &c.

Divisions, districts, &c.	Number of tahsils.	Average area in square miles.	Populations.	Number of tribunal	Total number of Judges. Europeans. Covenanted.	Commissioned military officers.	Uncovenanted.	Natives.	Average annual salary of each officer European.	Native.	Total cost of tribunals.	Receipts from court fees.	Number of cases decided during the year Criminal.	Civil.	Revenue or rent.	Appeals in all departments.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...				1	1	...	...	...	36,000	...	57,377	...	23	...	...	761	Besides 819 revision cases, miscellaneous appeals and applications.
Lucknow Division				1	...	1	...	...	33,000	...	46,164	...	129	...	...	589	
Sitapur ditto	...	23,992	11,220,232	1	...	1	...	...	33,000	...	46,222	...	99	...	...	259	
Fyzabad ditto				1	1	...	...	...	33,000	...	46,400	...	95	...	...	582	
Rae Bareli ditto				1	1	...	...	...	33,000	...	45,851	...	109	...	...	360	
Lucknow District	3	1,392	970,625	15	3	2	1	*14	10,953	3,840	1,05,934	1,21,243	4,868	1,481	1,224	157	*City bench of six Honorary Magistrates included.
Unao ditto	4	1,349	724,949	12	...	1	1	10	14,200	1,330	70,306	54,401	1,418	2,396	6,185	375	
Bara Banki ditto	4	1,348	897,513	12	1	1	...	10	14,000	2,076	54,760	51,978	1,773	1,070	1,703	364	
Sitapur ditto	4	2,250	930,224	12	1	1	1	9	12,333	3,350	59,320	49,106	1,480	1,588	515	119	
Hardoi ditto	4	2,293	930,977	16	2	...	1	13	9,515	2,974	57,380	56,913	2,459	2,131	2,457	424	
Kheri ditto	3	3,046	737,732	9	1	1	...	7	12,798	2,172	41,376	31,084	1,349	1,156	727	79	
Fyzabad ditto	4	2,332	1,437,009	14	2	2	1	9	9,000	2,743	61,305	79,941	2,636	2,151	3,420	428	
Gonda ditto	3	2,629	1,167,816	10	3	...	1	6	9,600	2,175	55,260	49,562	1,658	1,741	3,256	336	
Bahraich ditto	3	2,710	774,487	13	...	2	...	11	15,800	2,604	53,188	48,022	1,903	1,[illegible]58	994	83	
Rae Bareli ditto	4	1,350	782,874	14	2	1	...	11	14,970	2,503	52,559	49,653	1,846	1,736	1,609	268	
Sultanpur ditto	4	1,569	930,023	9	1	1	2	5	9,321	1,794	51,185	38,919	1,608	1,666	3,348	253	
Partabgarh ditto	3	1,724	936,053	16	1	3	1	11	5,659	1,682	50,575	38,177	1,286	1,433	2,098	235	
Civil Court, Lucknow	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	10,500	...	13,381	...	...	313	...	...	
Small Cause Court, ditto ...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	12,000	...	19,756	...	...	4,351	...	...	
District Judge, Lucknow ...				11	1	1	1	8	7,805	2,161	44,672	...	...	2,541	...	212	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	...	...	... (a)	10	...	...	1	8	18,000	2,310	30,395	...	...	2,921	...	252	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...				9	...	...	1	9	13,867	2,912	39,713	...	...	3,483	...	329	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...				8	...	1	...	7	8,400	6,057	27,882	...	...	3,101	...	272	
Total ...	43	23,992*	11,220,232	197	21	20	13	148	...	...	11,30,961	6,68,999	24,733	36,517	24,536	6,737	

(a)—Honorary Assistant Commissioners are excluded to make the total correspond with the imperial return.

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. II.—(CRIMINAL).

Showing offences reported and persons tried, convicted and acquitted for each class of offences in the districts of Oudh, during the year 1879.

District.	Pending from last year.		Offences.			Brought to trial during the year.		Persons disposed of during the year.				Remaining under trial on last day.	
				Struck off.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Reported.	By order of Magistrate.	Complaint dismissed, section 147.	Cases.	Persons.	Discharged and acquitted.	Convicted.	Died escaped or transferred.	Total.	Cases.	Persons.
					Coins, stamps, weights and measures.								
Lucknow City ...	...	...	22	...	...	22	33	13	20	...	33	...	...
Lucknow ...	...	...	20	...	2	17	30	12	18	...	30	...	...
Unao ...	...	...	18	...	4	14	17	8	9	...	17	...	...
Bara Banki ...	...	...	22	...	...	22	26	14	12	...	26	...	...
Sitapur ...	1	1	9	...	...	10	11	5	6	...	11	...	...
Hardoi ...	1	1	6	...	...	7	8	2	6	...	8	...	...
Kheri ...	...	...	4	...	1	2	2	1	1	...	2	...	...
Fyzabad ...	...	...	12	...	2	10	14	8	6	...	14	...	...
Gonda ...	...	...	6	...	1	5	6	3	3	...	6	...	...
Bahraich ...	...	...	6	...	...	6	6	2	4	...	6	...	...
Rae-Bareili ...	...	...	25	2	...	23	35	9	27	...	35	...	...
Sultanpur ...	...	...	12	2	...	9	13	11	2	...	13	...	...
Partabgarh ...	...	...	10	1	...	9	10	4	6	...	10	...	...
Total ...	2	2	172	5	10	156	211	92	119	...	211	...	...
					Public justice.								
Lucknow City ...	...	...	21	...	...	21	27	3	24	...	27	...	...
Lucknow ...	1	1	28	1	4	24	39	13	26	...	39	...	...
Unao ...	...	...	37	...	12	25	62	25	37	...	62	...	...
Bara Banki ...	...	...	23	...	1	22	35	12	23	...	35	...	...
Sitapur ...	11		23	...	2	22	28	7	21	...	28	...	...

Hardoi	...	...	...	...	1	1	56	...	9	48	85	45	33	1	79	5	6
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	...	7	17	22	10	12	...	22		...
Fyzabad	—	...	...	...	2	1	52	1	8	52	84	40	44	...	84		...
Gonda	...	...	...	...	2	4	48	...	5	40	93	53	31	3	87	2	6
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	1	...	56	...	1	53	76	19	56	...	75	1	1
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	2	4	57	4	4	49	87	29	53	...	82	3	5
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	1	2	64	...	4	51	86	39	41	...	80	4	6
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	2	4	18	...	1	19	27	16	10	...	26	1	1
			Total	...	13	16	507	6	58	443	751	311	411	4	726	16	25
									Public servants.								
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	6	5	1	...	6	...	...
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	2	...	
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	2	...	...	2	...	...
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	1	1	...	2	1	1
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	5	1	4	...	5	...	...
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	1	9	13	5	8	...	13	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	5	7	3	4	...	7	...	...
Gonda	...	...	...		...	...	4	...	2	2	3	...	1	...	1	1	2
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	1	5	8	2	6	...	8	...	...
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	8	3	5	...	8	...	...
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	7	6	1	...	7	...	...
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			Total	...	...	...	47	1	6	41	66	29	34	...	63	2	3
									False evidence, false complaint or claims and forgery.								
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	8	11	13	14	9	5	...	14	...	...
Lucknow.	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	3	1	14	14	9	5	...	14	...	...
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	14	13	29	19	10	...	29	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	1	1	13	...	3	12	16	5	6	...	11	1	5
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	...	3	11	13	6	6	...	12	1	1
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	1	1	22	1	11	11	17	13	4	...	17	...	...
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	7	8	9	8	1	...	9	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	1	...	32	...	21	14	23	8	11	3	22	1	1
Gonda	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	1	20	23	26	14	9	...	23	2	3
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	1	...	67	...	12	56	99	37	60	1	98	1	1
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	4	4	10	16	7	3	...	10	1	6
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	1	1	23	2	5	17	25	16	8	...	24	1	1
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	1	12	9	10	4	6	...	10	...	...
			Total	...	5	3	347	20	124	211	311	155	134	4	293	8	18

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District.	Pending from last year.		Offences.			Brought to trial during the year.		Persons disposed of during the year.				Remaining under trial on last day	
				Struck off									
	Cases.	Persons.	Reported.	By order of Magistrate.	Complaint dismissed, section 147.	Cases.	Persons.	Discharged and acquitted.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Total.	Cases.	Persons.
					Public Nuisances.								
Lucknow City	...	...	51	2	4	44	86	12	74	...	86	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	8	2	1	4	11	9	2	...	11	...	...
Unao	...	...	32	...	9	3	4	2	2	...	4	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	10	...	...	10	3	16	17	...	33	...	...
Sitapur	...	...	6	...	1	5	3	6	3	...	6	...	...
Hardoi	...	...	11	...	2	9	19	4	7	...	11	...	...
Kheri	...	...	16	...	...	7	11	9	2	...	11	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	8	...	1	7	121	2	10	...	12	...	...
Gonda	...	...	6	2	...	4	6	2	4	...	6	...	...
Bahraich	1	3	5	...	2	4	12	8	4	...	12	...	...
Rae Bareli	...	...	5	2	1	2	3	2	1	...	3	...	...
Sultanpur	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
Partabgarh	...	...	4	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
Total ...	1	3	164	9	23	102	201	73	128	...	201	...	...
					Public peace.								
Lucknow City	...	...	18	4	1	13	49	30	19	...	49	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	23	4	4	13	74	20	54	...	74	...	...
Unao	1	5	42	...	10	32	218	85	133	...	218	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	74	18	12	44	230	92	122	...	214	2	16
Sitapur	2	13	41	...	16	27	218	112	106	...	218	...	...

Hardoi	...	...	...	2	18	49	1	...	40	332	139	193	...	332	...	...
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	5	27	20	7	...	27	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...	2	12	36	...	15	21	140	68	72	...	140	...	...
Gonda	...	...	...	2	5	62	4	21	35	199	69	119	5	193	1	6
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	...	52	8	7	27	116	39	77	...	116	...	...
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	61	15	23	23	141	74	66	...	140	1	1
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	...	106	24	31	51	300	166	132	...	298	1	2
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	...	35	1	5	16	81	25	56	...	81	...	...
			Total	...	9	53	606	79	146	347	2,125	939	1,156	5	2,100	5	25
									Against the person.								
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	5	7	3,225	516	151	465	769	519	248	1	768	1	1
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	6	9	835	113	130	375	676	405	266	...	671	2	5
Unao	...	...	...	...	4	6	831	4	256	552	1,068	807	269	...	1,067	1	1
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	2	5	730	68	102	560	940	645	293	...	928	8	12
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	8	15	566	1	116	456	876	566	304	2	872	4	4
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	25	66	1,308	56	285	981	2,467	1,973	424	21	2,418	25	49
Kheri	...	...	...	...	5	7	1,223	1	256	506	860	586	272	...	858	2	2
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	6	13	1,776	17	430	601	1,310	955	342	1	1,298	6	12
Gonda	...	...	...	...	14	24	1,081	129	303	386	813	557	214	23	794	8	19
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	7	10	3,019	16	209	489	968	627	322	2	951	8	17
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	8	12	963	36	218	687	1,027	592	423	...	1,015	6	12
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	5	10	677	96	232	345	703	487	203	...	690	7	13
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	9	13	864	187	286	394	667	468	183	...	651	14	16
			Total	...	104	197	17 098	1,240	2,974	6,807	13,144	9,177	3,754	50	12,981	92	163
									Property with violence								
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	1	1	680	18	8	103	135	36	92	...	128	3	7
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	1	3	514	3	3	68	96	34	61	...	95	1	1
Unao	...	...	...	...	2	5	981	4	5	159	238	71	167	...	238	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,488	7	1	201	297	101	189	3	293	2	4
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	2	5	1,236	...	2	150	252	73	179	...	252	...	...
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	2	4	1,236	...	8	199	288	125	161	1	287	1	1
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,325	10	12	173	288	77	198	...	275	3	13
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	1	2	2,111	9	23	170	251	92	159	...	251	...	...
Gonda	...	...	...	...	1	1	1,815	144	9	169	224	69	152	...	221	2	3
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	2	4	2,360	62	7	180	313	142	162	...	304	4	9
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,527	3	5	151	210	61	139	...	200	4	10
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	...	1	2,099	3	10	155	221	98	121	...	219	2	2
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	1	6	956	4	4	117	193	55	137	...	192	1	1
			Total	...	13	32	19,328	267	97	1,989	3,006	1,034	1,917	4	2,955	23	51

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						Property without violence.							
Lucknow City	5	5	737	92	49	380	452	134	312	2	448	4	4
Lucknow	4	4	809	22	26	296	380	78	302	..	380	...	...
Unao	1	1	1,265	7	42	286	425	139	285	...	424	1	1
Bara Banki	2	2	845	21	25	284	389	129	252	...	381	6	8
Sitapur	4	8	3,905	..	46	514	722	216	503	...	719	1	3
Hardoi	2	4	2,092	13	81	543	888	360	507	15	882	4	6
Kheri	2	3	1,835	13	83	377	558	140	418	...	558	...	...
Fyzabad	2	1	1,716	15	50	468	693	210	481	...	691	1	2
Gonda	4	7	2,999	180	46	487	681	218	457	4	679	2	2
Bahraich	6	8	1,892	89	18	542	738	278	456	...	734	3	4
Rae Bareli	2	3	1,438	20	35	358	495	128	361	1	490	5	5
Sultanpur	5	10	1,003	25	20	397	590	158	430	...	588	2	2
Partabgarh	2	2	2,119	19	50	215	301	78	221	...	299	2	2
Total ...	41	58	22,655	516	571	5,147	7,312	2,266	4,985	22	7,273	31	39

									Malicious offences.							
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	46	16	24	32	17	15	...	32	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	21	61	42	78	56	25	...	78	...	...
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	165	2	105	59	104	73	30	1	104	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	...	...	236	21	79	136	247	198	47	...	245	2	
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	3	4	81	...	37	47	95	62	32	...	94	1	1
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	6	15	312	33	69	212	436	293	126	5	424	3	12
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	173	...	97	72	131	117	13	...	130	1	1
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	3	20	278	8	120	150	312	177	110	...	287	8	25
Gonda	...	...	...	...	3	3	220	48	104	40	124	65	34	1	100	5	24
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	3	4	221	20	14	113	182	95	86	...	181	1	1
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	209	10	95	104	194	146	47	...	193	1	1
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	2	5	206	36	73	92	165	125	36	...	161	3	4
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	1	5	133	25	65	41	69	47	21	...	68	1	1
			Total	...	21	56	2,446	270	935	1,132	2,169	1,468	622	7	2,097	26	72
									Offences not included in the above classes i.e., attempts and abetments.							
Lucknow City	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	1	5	18	8	10	...	18	...	
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	4	...	4	...	4	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sitapur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hardoi	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	2	6	4	2	...	6	...	...
Kheri	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	1	9	18	12	6	...	18	...	...
Gonda	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	3	2	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
Bahraich	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
Sultanpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	21	10	11	...	21	...	...
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
			Total	...	...	...	45	7	10	30	74	36	38	...	74	...	...

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. II.—(CRIMINAL).

Showing offences reported and persons tried, convicted and acquitted for each class of offences in the districts of Oudh, during the year 1879.

Districts.	Pending from last year.		Offences.			Brought to trial during the year.		Persons disposed of during the year.				Remaining under trial on last day	
				Struck off.									
	Cases.	Persons.	Reported.	By orders of Magistrate.	Complaint dismissed, section 147.	Cases.	Persons.	Discharged and acquitted.	Convicted.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Total.	Cases.	Persons.
						Criminal Procedure Code.							
Lucknow City	1	1	424	116	58	250	356	141	215	...	356	...	...
Lucknow	...	...	160	37	19	104	339	115	224	...	339	...	...
Unao	...	...	167	...	77	90	177	84	93	...	177	...	...
Bara Banki	...	...	167	18	19	130	267	120	146	..	266	1	1
Sitapur	2	2	76	...	33	44	56	32	24	...	56		...
Hardoi	5	18	167	12	50	109	328	132	168	...	300	4	23
Kheri	...	...	63	...	30	33	60	23	37	...	60	...	...
Fyzabad	..	...	242	19	62	162	256	66	188	...	254	1	2
Gonda	6	8	181	...	108	81	176	72	101	1	174	2	2
Bahraich	4	14	104	...	28	81	180	55	125	...	180	...	...
Rae Bareli	1	8	169	13	54	102	331	153	165	...	318	1	13
Sultanpur	1	3	217	46	65	107	361	167	194	...	361	...	...
Partabgarh	...	..	91	9	37	45	126	23	103	...	126	...	...
Total ...	20	54	2,228	270	640	1,328	3,013	1,183	1,783	1	2,967	9	46

								Breaches of special and local laws.							
Lucknow City	...	...	...	1	2	2,415	6	...	2,342	4,343	642	3,700	...	4,342	1	1
Lucknow	...	...	...	...	...	377	8	11	344	630	150	477	...	627	1	3
Unao	...	...	...	...	...	217	...	29	184	442	114	326	...	440	2	2
Bara Banki	...	...	...	2	2	357	1	3	355	622	107	515	...	622	...	...
Sitapur	...	...	...	3	6	199	...	1	201	555	207	348	...	555	...	...
Hardoi	...	...	...	10	21	348	8	22	326	692	249	433	1	683	5	9
Kheri	...	...	...	1	1	155	...	11	145	341	122	219	...	341	...	...
Fyzabad	...	...	...	6	5	1,324	20	54	998	1,601	423	1,170	...	1,593	6	8
Gonda	...	...	...	27	51	619	16	55	414	1,035	214	804	9	1,027	5	8
Bahraich	...	...	...	5	2	449	1	5	360	686	149	535	...	684	1	2
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	1	1	376	4	16	356	988	146	839	1	986	2	2
Sultanpur	...	...	...	27	53	397	12	16	396	686	233	436	16	685	1	1
Partabgarh	...	...	...	...	...	485	24	22	439	803	167	631	2	800	2	3
			Total ...	83	144	7,718	100	245	6,860	13,424	2,923	10,433	29	13,385	26	39
								District Totals.								
Lucknow City	...	...	...	13	16	7,716	810	298	3,678	6,298	1,556	4,726	3	6,285	9	13
Lucknow	...	...	...	12	17	2,926	215	263	1,309	2,391	911	1,471	...	2,382	4	9
Unao	...	...	...	8	17	3,787	17	563	1,422	2,790	1,428	1,357	1	2,786	4	4
Bara Banki	...	...	...	7	10	3,966	154	245	1,777	3,104	1,431	1,622	3	3,056	22	48
Sitapur	...	...	...	26	55	6,159	1	257	1.490	2,838	1,293	1,533	2	2,828	8	10
Hardoi	...	...	...	59	149	5,614	125	538	2,494	5,563	3,340	2,068	44	5,452	47	111
Kheri	...	...	...	8	11	4,851	24	506	1,355	2,323	1,118	1,189	...	2,307	6	16
Fyzabad	...	...	...	23	54	7,603	91	789	2,657	4,721	2,064	2,603	4	4,671	23	50
Gonda	...	...	...	59	103	7,092	526	677	1,688	3,388	1,336	1,931	43	3,313	30	75
Bahraich	...	...	...	30	45	8,240	196	305	1,918	3,386	1,453	1,895	2	3,351	19	35
Rae Bareli	...	...	...	14	28	5,856	113	458	1.870	3,536	1,351	2,128	6	3,481	24	55
Sultanpur	...	...	...	42	85	4,813	247	456	1,628	3,179	1,517	1,615	1	3,148	21	31
Partabgarh	...	...	...	15	30	4,738	271	484	1,307	2,290	888	1,376	2	2,266	21	24
			Total ...	316	620	73,361	2,790	5,839	24,593	45,807	19,686	25,514	126	45,326	238	481

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. III.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the general result of criminal trials in the districts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1879.

Districts.	Number of persons dealt with.									Persons disposed of						Remaining at end of the year.		Average number of days during which each case lasted.	Number of cases pending over one month, but under two months.	Number of cases pending over two months.	Number of persons on trial in custody at close of year.	Longest period any person on trial has been in custody at close of year.	Number of witnesses who attended.	Dates of oldest pending cases.
	Remaining at end of last year		Brought to trial during present year.				Received by transfer.	Total.																
	Cases.	Persons.	Under arrest by police.	Upon warrant.	On Summons.	Voluntarily.		Cases.	Persons.	Discharged.	Acquitted.	Convicted.	Committed to Commissioner's Sessions Court.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Total.	Cases.	Persons.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Lucknow city ...	9	12	5,071	77	972	27	...	3,597	6,159	503	1,030	4,562	51	3	6,149	7	10	4·98	1	1	10	26	7,876	1-12-79
Lucknow district ...	9	12	1,137	142	955	90	...	1,2·1	2,336	474	410	1,394	50	...	2,328	3	8	5·66	...	...	...	...	3,381	12-12-79
Unao	6	13	1,556	76	1,134	7	...	1,420	2,786	450	955	1,327	51	1	2,784	2	2	4 11	...	...	2	...	4,105	26-12-79
Bara Banki	5	5	1,490	139	1,458	7	...	1,775	3,099	943	481	1,593	45	3	3,065	12	34	2·75	...	...	10	...	4,295	14-12-79
Sitapur	23	51	1,808	86	845	44	...	1,487	2,834	557	718	1,477	72	1	2,825	7	9	5·69	...	...	1	...	6,101	8-12-79
Hardoi	55	145	1,947	180	3,091	191	1	2,492	5,555	1,895	1,422	2,035	60	44	5,456	39	99	8·72	5	12	9	...	5,204	5-9-79
Kheri	3	4	1,550	107	640	15	...	1,350	2,316	502	600	1,156	53	...	2,311	1	5	3·63	...	...	5	11 days.	3,641	20-12-79
Fyzabad	23	54	2,361	109	2,021	176	...	2,657	4,721	719	1,333	2,557	61	4	4,674	21	47	4 89	3	...	7	...	6,450	1-11-79
Gonda	57	101	2,298	112	814	61	...	1,686	3,386	799	528	1,909	32	46	3,314	28	72	5·51	4	3	2	...	5,889	5-8-79
Bahraich	25	35	2,027	210	968	136	4	1,915	3,380	652	762	1,652	89	3	3,358	12	22	7·72	1	...	9	31	7,149	1-9-79
Rae Bareli	8	18	2,085	299	990	143	...	1,864	3,526	350	964	2,051	114	2	3,481	18	45	6 00	2	...	15	...	5,168	1-10-79
Sultanpur	38	76	1,674	156	1,174	90	...	1,624	3,170	705	800	1,576	47	16	3,144	16	26	6·39	...	...	9	...	4,514	15-12-79
Partabghar	12	26	1,112	75	997	76	...	1,304	2,286	315	569	1,350	29	2	2,265	18	21	8·69	1	...	...	...	3,072	19-11-79
Grand Total ...	273	552	26,116	1,759	16,059	1,063	5	24,452	45,554	8,864	10,572	24,839	754	125	45,154	184	400	5·75	17	16	79	31	66,845	5-8-79

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IIIA.—Criminal.

Statement showing the general results of committals to Commissioners Sessions Courts in the Province of Oudh in 1879.

Divisions.	Number of cases and persons dealt with.								Disposed of							Remaining at the end of the year		Number of cases pending over one month but under two months.	Number of cases pending over two months.	Number of persons on trial in custody at close of the year.	Longest period any person on trial has been in custody at close of the year.	Average Number of days each case lasted.			Number of witnesses who attended.	*Remarks, as to Sessions trials held away from head-quarters
	Remaining at end of last year.		Committed during the present year.		Received by transfer.		Total		Discharged under section 61, pardoned under section 348.	Died, escaped or transferred.	Acquitted.	Sentenced.		Total disposed of								From date of commitment to date of hearing.	From date fixed for hearing to date of decision.	Total.		
												Convicted including referred for confirmation to Judicial Commissioner.														
	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.				Cases.	Persons.	Cases.*	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Lucknow ...	10	16	133	202	...	...	143	218	...	...	63	103	137	129	200	14	18	6	1	17	62	26·41	1·54	27·96	1,066	4 Cases tried at Unao.
Sitapur ...	10	13	100	183	...	...	110	196	...	1	54	73	121	99	176	11	20	2	...	20	230	61·42	1·20	62·62	887	1 At Salamow. 6 „ Lakhímpur. 6 „ Hardoi.
Fyzabad ...	6	10	95	176	...	...	101	186	3	...	55	72	117	95	175	6	11	...	...	11	16	27·94	2·51	30·45	1,059	7 At Bahraich.
Rae Bareli ...	12	23	105	183	...	...	117	206	2	...	51	82	141	109	194	8	12	...	...	12	...	21·5	1·5	23·0	952	4 At Bachráwán 1 „ Lálganj.
Total ...	38	62	433	744	...	...	471	806	5	1	223	330	516	432	745	39	61	8	1	60	230	34·32	1 69	36·01	3,964	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IV.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by various criminal tribunals in the Province of Oudh, during the year 1879.

Districts.	PERSONS SENTENCED TO												PERSONS ORDERED TO FIND OR GIVE UNDER.				DETAIL OF PUNISHMENT.																					
	Death (by Commissioner).	Transportation. For life.	Transportation. For a term.	Penal servitude.	Imprisonment. Rigorous. With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment. Rigorous. Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment. Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine. With imprisonment.	Fine. Without imprisonment.	Whipping. In addition to other punishment.	Whipping. In lieu of other punishment.	Chapter XXXVII. for keeping the peace. Recognizance.	Chapter XXXVII. for keeping the peace. Surety.	Chapter XXXVIII. for good behaviour. Recognizance.	Chapter XXXVIII. for good behaviour. Surety.	Fines. (See additional information on reverse.) Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount. Imposed.	Total amount. Realized.	Imprisonment. 15 days. Rigorous.	15 days. Simple.	Six months. Rigorous.	Six months. Simple.	Two years. Rigorous.	Two years. Simple.	Seven years. Rigorous.	Seven years. Simple.	Above seven years. Rigorous.	Above seven years. Simple.	Whipped. 10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Amount of compensation. Awarded.	Amount of compensation. Paid.	Number of cases in which costs under Sec. 31 A., Act VII. 1870, were awarded.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Lucknow city ...	...	...	...	...	152	228	88	...	69	3,902	12	130	68	12	1	17	3,885	77	5	3	1	...	7,691	5,788	57	75	196	13	122	..	5	...	...	...	30	78	34	1,481	749	3	
Lucknow ...	...	...	...	...	63	262	22	...	73	749	15	116	178	9	...	8	769	47	5	1	...	...	3,768	2,861	38	9	191	13	93	...	3	..	...	...	47	60	24	769	339	30	
Unao ...	...	...	...	...	83	325	10	...	161	637	11	201	56	5	...	10	622	164	9	3	...	...	8,567	7,092	42	2	258	8	89	...	19	...	...	...	67	102	43	1,250	836	18	
Bara Banki ...	...	..	...	...	135	307	20	..	148	836	22	164	96	1	3	35	838	133	7	6	...	...	7,794	5,610	10	5	311	14	115	1	6	...	...	...	55	89	42	1,490	601	3	
Sitapur ...	...	...	...	...	143	531	29	...	264	539	16	211	3	1	...	12	698	100	4	1	...	...	5,089	3,864	63	10	444	19	157	.	10	...	...	...	74	124	29	1,207	674	61	
Hardoi ...	..	..	...	...	157	562	31	...	238	905	22	215	111	7	5	49	1,054	83	6	...	...	...	6,951	5,805	46	10	524	21	141	...	8	...	...	...	81	98	58	718	370	21	
Kheri ...	...	...	3	...	138	392	29	...	145	371	4	191	12	3	...	17	475	38	1	1	...	1	4,146	2,949	57	18	299	10	169	1	8	...	...	...	43	115	37	1,985	1,169	2	
Fyzabad ...	...	...	..	...	160	463	50	...	232	1,442	22	250	100	9	3	52	1,529	135	7	3	...	...	8,945	6,621	131	13	282	37	197	...	13	...	...	...	69	140	63	2,144	1,413	33	
Gonda ...	...	...	...	...	195	482	31	...	224	927	19	176	19	2	7	68	935	156	33	27	...	...	10,063	5,913	59	12	438	19	164	...	16	...	...	...	44	69	82	1,889	1,150	2	
Bahraich ...	...	...	...	...	273	439	35	..	317	770	27	211	63	19	7	30	932	147	6	2	...	..	7,939	6,821	76	20	466	15	167	...	3	...	...	...	74	132	32	1,427	976	45	
Rae Bareli ...	...	...	...	...	185	458	59	...	253	1,094	17	101	78	45	...	31	1,158	176	11	2	...	...	7,884	6,464	87	28	364	24	192	6	1	...	...	...	36	62	20	925	442	21	
Sultanpur ...	...	...	...	...	138	458	28	...	218	613	19	152	177	22	1	11	678	138	14	1	...	...	7,290	5,374	44	8	372	20	180	...	...	...	...	...	75	84	12	618	350	15	
Partabgarh ...	...	...	...	...	180	176	47	...	113	789	9	65	89	1	1	2	818	80	3	1	...	...	5,082	4,492	22	15	227	32	104	...	3	...	...	...	23	35	16	594	314	17	
Total ...	...	...	3	...	2,002	5,083	479	...	2,455	13,574	215	2,183	1,050	136	28	342	14,391	1,474	111	51	1	1	91,209	69,654	732	225	4,372	245	1,890	8	95	...	...	...	718	1,188	492	16,497	9,383	271	

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Detail of Fines, &c.

Districts.	Amount unrealized at the close of last year.	Amount ordered during the present year	Total amount.	Amount realized of present as well as previous years.	Amount written off	Amount of outstanding fines.
		FINES.				
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Lucknow City	242	7,691	7,933	5.817	1,969	147
Lucknow	1,293	3,768	5,061	2,886	204	1,971
Unao	1,506	8,567	10,073	7,222	1,062	1,789
Bara Banki	237	7,794	8,031	5,610	1,318	1,103
Sitapur	276	5,089	5,365	4,068	960	337
Hardoi	298	6,951	7,249	5,884	1,130	235
Kheri	897	4,146	5,043	3 675	1,302	66
Fyzabad	511	8,945	9,456	6,839	2,257	360
Gonda	1,124	10,062	11,186	6,894	1,238	3,054
Bahraich	1,149	7,940	9,089	6,825	979	1,285
Rae Bareli	123	7,884	8,007	6,579	919	509
Sultanpur	2,146	7.290	9,436	5,596	943	2,897
Partabgarh	1,096	5,082	6,178	4,708	270	1,200
Total ...	10,898	91,209	1,02,107	72,603	14,551	14,953
		COMPENSATION.				
Lucknow City	221	1,481	1,702	749	936	17
Lucknow	513	769	1,282	421	41	820
Unao	772	1,250	2,022	846	230	946
Bara Banki	103	1,490	1,593	706	202	685
Sitapur	128	1,207	1,335	939	280	116
Hardoi	22	718	740	374	251	115
Kheri	485	1,985	2,470	1,467	945	58
Fyzabad	266	2,144	2,410	1,878	432	100
Gonda	223	1,889	2,112	1,316	519	277
Bahraich	96	1,427	1.523	998	138	387
Rae Bareli	26	925	951	714	137	100
Sultanpur	1,995	618	2,613	625	1,571	417
Partabgarh	482	594	1,076	524	84	468
Total ...	5,332	16,497	21,829	11:557	5,766	4,506

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. IVA. (CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the punishments inflicted by the Commissioners' Sessions Courts in the Province of Oudh, in 1879.

Divisions.	Persons sentenced to: Death by Commissioner.	Transportation: For life.	Transportation: For a term.	Penal servitude.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: With solitary confinement.	Imprisonment, Rigorous: Without solitary confinement.	Imprisonment: Simple.	Forfeiture of property.	Fine: With imprisonment.	Fine: Without imprisonment.	Whipping: In addition to other punishment.	Whipping: In lieu of other punishment.	Persons ordered to find or give under Chapter XXXIII, for keeping peace: Recognizance.	Surety.	Chapter XXXVIII for good behaviour: Recognizance.	Surety.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lucknow...	...	14	33	..	54	34	1	...	15	1	6	...	...	...	...	...
Sitapur ...	17	16	16	..	11	60	..	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
Fyzabad ...	6	8	20	...	32	48	1	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rae Bareli,	5	3	11	...	38	81	1	...	17	...	...	2	...	...	...	...
Total ...	28	41	80	.	135	223	3	...	41	4	8	2	...	...	...	...

Divisions.	Fines, See additional information below: Rs. 10 and under.	Rs. 50 and under.	Rs. 100 and under.	Rs. 500 and under.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Total amount: Imposed.	Realized.	Imprisonment: 15 days: Rigorous.	15 days: Simple.	6 months: Rigorous.	6 months: Simple.	2 years: Rigorous.	2 years: Simple.	7 years: Rigorous.	7 years: Simple.	Above 7 years: Rigorous.	Above 7 years: Simple.	Whipping: 10 stripes and under.	20 stripes and under.	30 stripes and under.	Amount of compensation: Awarded.	Paid.	Number of cases in which costs were awarded.	Remarks.
1	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.														Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.		
Lucknow...	4	8	.	1	2	1	4,670 0 0	640 10 9	...	...	10	1	28	...	47	...	3	...	...	...	6	225 0 0	165 13 4	...	
Sitapur ...	2	...	1	1	1	...	1,290 0 0	1,217 4 0	1	...	21	...	21	...	28		...	...	...	1	1	290 0 0	17 4 0	...	
Fyzabad ...	2	3	2	...	..	...	296 0 0	214 5 0		...	22	1	10	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	..	114 12 0	67 1 0	...	
Rae Bareli,	2	11	4	...	...	...	7 5 0 0	270 0 0	...	..	24	1	56	.	38	...	1	...	2	...	...	415 0 0	250 0 0	...	
Total ...	10	22	7	2	3	1	6,971 0 0	2,342 3 9	1	...	77	3	115	...	161	...	4	...	2	1	7	1,044 12 0	500 2 4	...	

DETAIL OF FINES.

Divisions.	Amount unrealized at close of last year.	Amount ordered during the present year.	Total amount.	Amount realized of present and previous years.	Amount written off.	Amount of outstanding fines.
	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p	Rs a p.	Rs a. p	Rs. a p	Rs. a. p.
Lucknow	220 0 0	4,670 0 0	4,890 0 0	840 10 9	453 12 0	3,595 9 3
Sitapur...	3,338 14 6	1,290 0 0	4,628 14 6	1,217 4 0	3,411 10 6	...
Fyzabad	180 0 0	296 0 0	476 0 0	359 7 11	86 8 1	30 0 0
Rae Bareli	3,838 1 0	715 0 0	4,553 1 0	270 0 0	...	4,183 1 0
Total ...	7,576 15 6	6 971 0 0	14.547 15 6	2,687 6 8	3,951 14 7	7,808 10 3

DETAIL OF COMPENSATION.

Divisions.	Amount unrealized at close of last year	Amount ordered during the present year.	Total amount.	Amount realized of present as well as previous year.	Amount written off.	Amount outstanding or unpaid.
	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs a p	Rs. a p.
Lucknow	20 0 0	1,125 0 0	1,145 0 0	165 13 4	75 0 0	904 2 8
Sitapur	927 2 3	290 0 0	1,217 2 3	17 4 0	1,199 14 3	...
Fyzabad...	...	114 12 0	114 12 0	67 1 0	27 11 0	20 0 0
Rae Bareli	2,279 8 3	415 0 0	2,694 8 3	250 0 0	...	2,144 8 3
Total ...	3,226 10 6	9,144 12 0	5 171 6 6	500 2 4	1,302 9 3	3,368 10 11

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. V.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the result of appeals in criminal cases in the districts and Commissioners' Courts of the Province of Oudh, during 1879.

Districts.	No. of cases and persons in appeals preferred.		Number of persons.								Average duration of cases disposed of.	Date of oldest pending case.
	Cases.	Persons.	Appeals on application rejected.	Sentences confirmed	Sentences modified.	Sentences reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	Further enquiry on evidence ordered	Cases referred for revision to Judicial Commissioner	Pending.		
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
					DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS.							
Lucknow City	5	12	1	6	...	5	...	...	...	...	2·6	
Lucknow	18	28	3	20	...	5	...	...	...	...	4·4	
Unao	41	76	1	19	31	25	...	...	...	...	5·7	
Bara Banki	43	60	...	54	...	6	...	...	...	...	2 7	
Sitapur	15	23	4	12	4	3	...	...	...	...	2·5	
Hardoi	65	115	14	52	22	19	8	..	...	...	7·1	
Kheri	10	13	...	4	4	5	...	...	...	...	6·6	
Fyzabad	27	57	8	31	11	6	...	...	...	1	4·6	15th December, 1879.
Gonda	14	14	1	8	3	2	...	...	...	...	12 0	
Bahraich	18	20	5	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	8·6	
Rae Bareli	24	47	1	32	13	...	1	...	...	...	8 1	
Sultanpur	30	56	...	49	...	7	...	...	...	...	5 1	
Partabgarh	11	26	1	3	12	10	...	...	...	...	6·2	
Total, Deputy Commissioners ...	321	547	39	303	102	93	9	..	...	1	5·9	
					COMMISSIONERS.							
Lucknow Division	244	286	57	168	23	26	...	...	..	12	19·4	20th October, 1879
Sitapur do.	101	173	75	44	30	15	...	...	...	9	13 7	30th November, 1879.
Fyzabad do.	149	178	20	112	29	16	...	...	...	1	7 3	17th December, 1879
Rae Bareli do.	130	142	66	40	18	21	..	...	1	6	9·2	16th December, 1879.
Total, Commissioners ...	624	779	208	364	100	78	...	...	1	28	12·4	

PROVINCIAL RETURN No. VA.—(CRIMINAL.)

Statement showing the result of files called for in criminal cases in the districts and Commissioners' Courts of the Province of Oudh during the year 1879.

Districts.	No. of cases and persons in which files were called for.		No. of persons in cases in which files were called for.			Remarks.
	Cases.	Persons.	Returned after inspection.	Referred for revision to Judicial Commissioner.	Pending.	
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
			DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS.			
Lucknow ...	52	93	90	3	...	
Unao ...	52	176	170	6	...	
Bara Banki ...	69	124	115	9	...	
Sitapur ...	92	208	188	15	5	
Hardoi ...	157	324	318	6	...	
Kheri ...	63	94	89	5	...	
Fyzabad ...	111	194	182	12	...	
Gonda ...	120	248	242	6	...	
Bahraich ...	35	54	44	10	...	
Rae Bareli ...	96	164	119	21	24	
Sultanpur ...	100	178	172	6	...	
Partabgarh ...	106	204	201	3	.	
Total ...	1,053	2,061	1,930	102	29	
			COMMISSIONERS.			
Lucknow Division.	87	162	154	8	...	
Sitapur "	132	299	292	7	...	
Fyzabad "	84	133	119	14	...	
Rae Bareli "	39	116	110	6	...	
Total ...	342	710	675	35	...	

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. 5B.—CRIMINAL.

Statement showing the result of appeals and revision in Criminal cases in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, Oudh, during 1879.

Tribunals.	No. of appellants or persons applying for revision under section 297, Code of Criminal Procedure	Number of persons.							Average duration of cases disposed of, &c.
		Appeals or applications rejected.	Sentences confirmed.	Sentences modified.	Sentences reversed.	Proceedings quashed.	Further enquiry or evidence ordered.	Pending.	
Commissioner, Lucknow Division ...	71	28	26	2	13	...	...	2	
Ditto, Sitapur ditto ...	73	54	7	5	7	...	...	...	
Ditto, Fyzabad ditto ...	55	26	15	9	5	...	...	...	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ditto ...	86	49	10	7	18	...	...	2	
Commissioners' Total ...	285	157	58	23	43	...	...	4	
Deputy Commissioner, Lucknow ...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Unao ...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Bara Banki ...	3	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sitapur ...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Hardoi ...	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	1	
Ditto, Kheri ...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Fyzabad ...	5	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Gonda ...	6	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	
Ditto, Bahraich ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Rae Bareli ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Sultanpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Ditto, Partabgarh ...	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	
Deputy Commissioners' Total ...	35	20	5	1	8	...	...	1	
Total of appeals	320	177	63	24	51	...	...	5	16·
Application for review under sections 294 and 296, Act X, 1872.	78	71	..	...	7	...	...	...	
Reports for revision under section 296, Act X., 1872.	147	...	78	20	49	...	...	...	
Cases called for by Judicial Commissioner under section 291 Act X., 1872.	498	...	363	25	62	...	...	48	
Total of revision. ...	723	71	441	45	118	...	...	48	6·

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PROVINCIAL RETURN No. XII.—(CRIMINAL).

Witnesses statement of the districts of the Province of Oudh for the year 1879.

Divisions.	Districts.	Number of witnessess discharged after: 1 Day.	2 Days.	3 Days.	4 Days.	5 Days.	6 Days.	7 Days.	More than one week as explained in last column.	Total.	Number of witnesses dieted.	Amount of diet money paid at the rate of: 2 Annas.	4 Annas.	1 Rupee.	3 Rupees.	Total.	Amount of travelling allowance paid to Government servants who attended as witnesses.	Remarks.
												Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
LUCKNOW.	Commissioner ...	971	83	9	11	1	41	...	...	1,066	928	409 12 0	37 8 0	60 0 0	12 0 0	579 4 0	89 9 9	
	Lucknow	10,972	253	28	4	...	...	...	...	11,257	4,192	723 4 0	59 0 0	32 0 0	39 0 0	853 4 0	6 10 0	
	Unao	4,002	87	13	...	3	...	...	...	4,105	2,943	1,021 2 6	54 14 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	1,084 0 6	56 6 6	
	Bara Banki	4,166	78	47	...	4	...	...	...	4,295	3,244	1,175 6 0	45 0 0	37 0 0	39 0 0	1,296 6 0	25 6 6	
	Total ...	20,111	451	97	15	8	41	...	...	20,723	11,307	3,329 8 6	196 6 0	134 0 0	93 0 0	3,752 14 6	178 0 9	
SITAPUR.	Commissioner... ...	753	94	23	...	...	10	...	7	887	798	567 13 0	28 4 0	11 0 0	...	607 1 0	35 0 0	
	Sitapur	5,786	263	26	20	6	...	...	...	6,101	4,206	1,739 10 0	93 10 0	31 0 0	...	1,864 4 0	...	
	Hardoi	4,811	367	22	4	...	...	...	...	5,204	3,847	1,485 2 0	127 4 0	101 0 0	...	1,713 6 0	28 6 0	
	Kheri	3,523	108	10	...	...	...	...	...	3,641	3,030	1,542 0 0	88 4 0	29 0 0	...	1,659 4 0	44 12 0	
	Total ...	14,873	832	81	24	6	10	...	7	15,833	11,881	5,334 9 0	337 6 0	172 0 0	...	5,843 15 0	108 2 0	
FYZABAD	Commissioner... ...	1,030	16	13	...	...	...	...	...	1,059	1,042	833 4 0	5 8 0	12 0 0	9 0 0	859 12 0	13 8 0	
	Fyzabad	5,864	521	61	3	1	...	...	...	6 450	3,471	1,582 2 0	64 8 0	29 0 0	84 0 0	1,759 10 0	100 15 3	
	Gonda	5,510	327	31	21	...	...	...	...	5,889	4,346	2,224 4 0	75 4 0	43 0 0	33 0 0	2,375 8 0	11 6 6	
	Bahraich	6,436	482	134	47	15	10	16	9	7,149	4,869	2,147 9 0	71 15 0	13 0 0	...	2,232 8 0	...	
	Total ...	18,840	1,346	239	71	16	10	16	9	20,547	13,728	6,787 3 0	217 3 0	97 0 0	126 0 0	7,227 6 0	125 13 9	
RAE BARELI.	Commissioner... ...	918	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	952	874	645 14 0	30 12 0	...	...	676 10 0	30 13 0	
	Rae Bareli	4,834	215	83	31	5	...	...	...	5,168	3,887	1,463 14 0	87 0 0	81 0 0	45 0 0	1,676 14 0	13 10 0	
	Sultanpur	4,108	367	33	2	4	...	...	...	4,514	3,497	1,376 6 0	133 8 0	45 0 0	...	1,554 14 0	11 0 0	
	Partabgarh	2,925	124	23	...	...	...	...	...	3,072	2,134	863 10 0	14 12 0	...	...	878 6 0	30 10 0	
	TOTAL ...	12,785	740	6[illegible]	33	9	...	...	...	13,706	10,392	4,349 12 0	266 0 0	126 0 0	45 0 0	4,786 12 0	85 1 0	
	GRAND TOTAL ...	66,609	3,369	556	143	39	61	16	16	70,809	47,308	19,801 0 6	1,016 15 0	529 0 0	264 0 0	21,610 15 6	497 1 6	

ORDERS OF GOVERNMENT.

No. 768 of 1880.

From

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,

N.-W. Provinces and Oudh,

To

The JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER of OUDH.

Dated Naini Tal, the 6th July, 1880.

Sir,

Judicial Department. (Criminal.)

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 685, dated 5th April, 1880, reporting on the administration of criminal justice in Oudh during the past year, and submitting the prescribed annual statements.

2. The total number of offences reported was 73,361, showing a decrease of no less than 39 per cent., as compared with 119,166 offences reported in 1878. The figures for the years 1878 and 1877 were abnormal, owing to the prevailing scarcity, and a decrease in crime was to be expected as the condition of the people improved. The number reported for 1879 is the lowest figure reached since 1872, being less even by over 3,500 than the total of 1876, which, for purposes of comparison, may be taken as a normal year. Other causes, which, as you remark, probably contributed to the decrease, were the wide-spread fever epidemic which prevailed during the autumn months, and in a smaller degree the avoiding of double entries in Gonda, and the closer supervision of the rural police in Bahraich. The falling off was common to all districts, but not to all classes of offences, as the following table shows :—

	1878.	1879.
Offences connected with coins, stamps, &c. ...	264	172
" against public justice	575	507
" " public servants	99	47
False evidence, &c.	305	347
Public nuisances	132	164
Offences against public peace	501	606
" " person	15,132	17,098
" " property, with violence ...	42,262	19,328
" " property, without violence ...	47,446	22,655
" showing malice	2,684	2,446
Cases under Criminal Procedure Code ...	2,175	2,228
Offences, special and local	7,330	7,718

The falling off in offences against property alone (47,725) more than accounted for the whole decrease. Of offences reported, 8,629 cases, or 11·75 per cent., were struck off or dismissed, against 8,337 in 1878, when the percentage was only 7. This large increase was, however, more apparent than real, for omitting offences against property (only a small proportion of which is dismissed), the percentage of dismissals (22) is the same for both years.

3. In column 1 of the table in para. 6 of your letter, showing the percentage of cases struck off to number reported, there are several errors. The column should run thus :—

Lucknow City	10·5
Lucknow	7
Unao	·45
Bara Banki	4
Sitapur	·016
Hardoi	2·2
Kheri	·5
Fyzabad	1·2
Gonda	7·4

It is not clear from the return what the numbers and kinds of cases are, of which the percentages shown in the second column of figures were dismissed.

4. Altogether 24,593 cases and 45,807 persons were brought to trial during the year, or 19,916 persons and 14,166 cases fewer than in 1878. In 1876 the number of persons was 47,703, and of cases 24,902.

Considering the great falling off in crime, and the smaller amount of work thus thrown on the police, it is to be regretted that so small a percentage of offences against property was brought to trial. Thus of offences with violence relating to property, only six per cent. in Rae Bareli were brought to trial ; while in Fyzabad, Sultanpur, and Bahraich, the percentage was under 10 ; and in Gonda just 10. The highest percentage (Unao) was only 16. In the case of offences against property, without violence, the results were better. The best results were obtained in Lucknow City, where out of 596 cases (excluding those struck off) 63 per cent. were brought to trial, while Partabgarh shows only 10 per cent. This subject will however be noticed more fully in connection with the Police Report.

5. There seems to be some inaccuracy in the figures given by you in para. 25, showing the results in regard to offences against coinage, weights and measures, and the stamp law, as they do not tally with those given in statement II. or in the report for 1878. Under this class of offences, the most noticeable feature of the year was the detection of the Lucknow gang of stamp forgers. This subject has, however, been fully dealt with in separate and special reports.

6. There were 47 reported offences against public servants ; seven were struck off, yet 41 were brought to trial. The discrepancy is in the Fyzabad return, and perhaps one case after being dismissed was allowed to be resumed. No less than 10 of the offences are reported from Kheri. In some districts prosecutions would seem to have been instituted too lightly, as in Lucknow only one out of six, and in Sultanpur one out of seven accused was convicted.

7. Bahraich again shows the largest number of offences under the head of false evidence, &c. Of the 211 cases tried no less than 56 came from that district alone. The percentage of convictions is low, but much the same as last year. The percentage in Fyzabad was not 14 as stated, but nearly 50 (11 out of 23).

8. There was a decrease in the percentage of convictions for public nuisances. The percentage of convictions given for Hardoi as 6 is however incorrect, it should be 63, as 7 convictions took place out of 11 prosecutions.

9. It is satisfactory to find that although there was an increase of offences against the public peace, they were for the most part trivial agricultural disputes. The increase was chiefly in Gonda, Sultanpur, and Partabgarh. The lowest percentage of conviction was in Kheri (26) and Lucknow City (38), but the numbers in each case were small.

10. The large increase under offences against the person was chiefly in Lucknow City. The Deputy Commissioner however explains that the increase was purely nominal, as hitherto only such hurt cases as had been investigated or sent up by the police were entered, while in 1879 all cases were counted. The increase also in this class of offences was chiefly in petty cases, while in heinous crime there was a marked decrease. There were only 90 murders and 66 cases of culpable homicide, against 153 and 118 respectively in 1878.

11. It is unsatisfactory to find that the percentage of conviction has fallen off from 32 to 28·5. Convictions for causing hurt fell off from 28 to 26 per cent., and for assault from 24 to 21. The best results were obtained in Rae Bareli, where the percentage of convictions was 41. In Hardoi, where it was only 17, it is difficult to believe that complaints were sufficiently enquired into before issue of summons. In para. 5 of last year's review great stress was laid on the necessity of a prolonged cross-examination of the complainants in all summons cases, and a hope was expressed that the introduction of the civil judicial scheme would leave the Magistrates greater leisure to sift these complaints. Under these circumstances, an improvement in this respect might fairly have been expected. As however the new system was not introduced till seven months of the year had elapsed, it would perhaps be premature to judge results at present. It is to be hoped that next year, when the new system is in full operation, Magistrates will give their best attention to this important subject. The remarks contained in paras. 16 and 17 of your report are well worthy of attention. Genuine compromises, whether evidenced in court by *razínamas* or by the non-appearance of both parties, are not to be discouraged. It is unnecessary to show these in the tabular statements, as the Deputy Commissioner of Kheri suggests. It is enough to show (and this much should be done) in the body of the report in what proportion such compromises stand to the total number of cases dismissed. Your suggestion that courts should be empowered to bind parties over to prosecute would, His Honor fears, not work. It might prevent many complaints being made, but it would also prevent compromises, which in petty cases, as above said, are by no means to be regretted as more likely than a punishment to prevent the continuance of ill-feeling. The abuse of criminal procedure by making it the means of gratifying private spite, though it cannot perhaps be prevented altogether, can, with a little care on the part of the magis-

tracy, be reduced within very small limits. Section 209 of the Criminal Procedure Code gives the Magistrate considerable power of punishing the makers of frivolous and vexatious complaints, and this power should, where necessary, be liberally exercised. The section however has been allowed to remain almost a dead letter. In only two districts (Fyzabad and Unao) of the whole province were the powers conferred by it exercised, and only five complainants were punished. So long as Magistrates neglect their duty in this matter, it will be idle to expect better results.

12. The large falling off in offences against property was of course directly due to the improvement in the condition of the people. In Rae Bareli, where the scarcity had been exceptionally severe, the falling off was greatest. The percentage of conviction fell off from 78 to 65. The causes of the high percentage of conviction in 1878 were indicated in the review of that year's report; but the results for 1879 compare unfavorably also with 1877, when the percentage was 70 (put incorrectly as 68 in last year's review), and 1876 when it was 69. The highest district percentage was Kheri 72, and the lowest Bahraich 53, Sultanpur 55, and Hardoi 56. Convictions for offences against property, without violence, also decreased from 80 to 68 per cent. In 1877 the percentage was 75, and in 1876 it was 72. Lucknow stands at the head of the list with 80 per cent., and Hardoi last with 57. The falling off in convictions can hardly be considered satisfactory, but the recent outbreak of fever, which in many places prostrated the police, must have contributed much to this result.

13. Prosecutions for breaches of the Salt Act, which had increased greatly in 1878, owing to the scarcity, fell to a normal number; and under the head of cattle trespass, excise, and municipal bye-laws, there was also a slight decrease. The large increase under stamps shows that the repeated orders of Government, as to the necessity of protecting this important branch of the revenue, are at length bearing good fruit.

14. The following table shows the number of cases and persons that came up for trial before Magistrates during the last four years :—

		1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.
Cases	...	24,863	29,600	38,639	24,452
Persons	...	47,636	56,496	65,507	45,554

The increase in the number of persons summoned (16,059 against 14,285 in 1878), coupled with the falling off in convictions, points to the necessity (already insisted on) of exercising greater care in issuing summonses. The returns for Hardoi and Fyzabad would seem to betray considerable laxity in this respect.

15. Paragraph 30 of your report shows how work was distributed. Honorary Magistrates did 9 per cent., Tahsíldars 28, Extra Assistant Commissioners 33, Assistant Commissioners 27, and Deputy Commissioners the rest. Honorary Magistrates disposed of 4,249 cases, or 943 more than last year, which shows a very creditable amount of work done. The Lucknow City Bench did especially well, having disposed of 832 cases; and I am to request that you will convey the thanks of His Honor the

Lieutenant-Governor and Chief Commissioner to the gentlemen who compose it, and also to the other Honorary Magistrates mentioned in para 31.

16. The file of cases pending at the close of the year (184) was considerably lighter than in 1878 (273). The duration of cases, however, rose from 5·05 days to 5·75. Perhaps, as you suggest, the introduction of the civil scheme, which involved many transfers of officers and temporarily weakened the district staffs, had something to do with this unexpected result. Hardoi shows five cases pending over one month, and 12 over two months, which, in the absence of any explanation, is unsatisfactory. Now that the work devolving on Magistrates has been considerably lessened, His Honor expects an improvement in this respect next year.

17. The view expressed by you in the final clause of para. 37 of your report seem sound, and I am to request that you will draw the attention of all Deputy Commissioners to the expediency of themselves trying more simple sessions cases under the powers vested in them by section 36 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

18. The total number of witnesses examined in magisterial courts was 66,845, or 39,844 less than last year. Of these 62,937 were discharged after being detained one day, the chief detentions being in Bahraich. Apparently, these might have been avoided, and they should not occur again. Rs. 18,948-4-6 were spent on dieting 43,666 witnesses, while last year the amount spent was Rs. 38,704-12-6.

19. In para. 40 the detail of punishments is thus shown :—

	1878.	1879.
Rigorous imprisonment, with solitary confinement,	4,365	2,002
Rigorous imprisonment...	10,177	5,083
Simple imprisonment	847	479
Fine, with imprisonment	2,980	2,455
Fine, without imprisonment	16,348	13,574
Whipping in addition to other punishment ...	733	215
Whipping alone	10,164	2,183

Solitary confinement was ordered in 28 per cent. of the cases punished with rigorous imprisonment, which shows a falling off of 2 per cent. The low percentage in Lucknow and Unao (19 and 20) is unsatisfactory. Attention was drawn to this subject last year. Sentences of simple imprisonment have now probably reached a minimum. Sentences of whipping of 10 stripes or less show a decrease of 10 per cent. This brings the percentage to almost what it was in 1877. The number of persons whipped in several districts, notably Rae Bareli and Partabgarh, was very small.

20. The fines imposed during the year amounted to Rs. 91,289, of which Rs. 69,654, or 76 per cent., were recovered ; in 1878 and 1877 the percentage was 71 and 74, respectively. This shows a marked improvement, and it is satisfactory to find that the subject of realisation is receiving more attention. Of the persons sentenced, 95 per cent. were ordered to pay Rs. 10 or less. The highest percentage of realisation is shown by Partabgarh (86), and the lowest by Gonda (59), where some heavy abkari fines were inflicted.

21. Rs. 16,497 were awarded in compensation, and of this sum 56 per cent. was paid, an improvement on last year, when the percentage was only 47. It is to be hoped the irregularities noticed by the Commissioner of Sitapur are not general. Notice should invariably be given to the complainant when the money is realised.

22. The number of persons sentenced as habitual offenders fell off from 2,163 to 854, and of these 575 had been convicted only once. I am to state that in His Honor's opinion Mr. Capper exercised a wise discretion in declining to enhance when whipping had been ordered by the Magistrate as part of the sentence.

23. In conclusion, Sir George Couper is glad to see that Deputy Commissioners and Commissioners continue to exercise a vigilant supervision over the work of subordinate courts.

24. The attention of the Inspector-General of Police has been called to the remarks made in para. 57 of your report, and he has been asked to direct that the *chalan* be headed as suggested by the Commissioner of Sitapur.

25. The enclosures of your letter are returned.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

C. ROBERTSON,

Secretary to Government,
N.-W. Provinces and Oudh.